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Phoenix }
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Acushnet — Fairhaven
America — New Bedford
Arabella — Do
Globe — Do
Houqua — Do
New Bedford — Do
Omega — ~~Fairhaven~~ New London (doubtful)

Wm Farmer

No 2

Journal of a Cruise in the Sea of Kamschatka, Behrings Straits and the Arctic Ocean in the summer of 1857 on board the Whale Ship Montreal of New Bedford

Captn. Frederic Fish Master

(continued from another Journal)
by W. F.

1851 Cruising in the Sea of Kamschatka

Wednesday June 11th Begins with moderate weather and light breezes from N.N.W. heading N.E. employed in boiling our two mongrel right whales, at 8 P.M. clears up with every prospect of a pleasant day to morrow, wind hauls to the Westward, at 2 P.M Cape St Thaddeus bears N. distant 90 miles: whither we are now directing our course in hopes of falling in with bowheads, or ships as we have every reason to believe they are in close companionship. To day the Captain shot a large black duck, called the Kamschatka duck with a head and bill resembling a crow, but web footed and in all other respects ~~resembling~~ similar to the common duck. The water fowl in this sea are very numerous and comprise every variety of hue and plumage, varying in size from the tiny sparrow to the stately Muscovy. At 8.30 P.M the ship comes up to N.N.W. afterwards N.

middle part wind and weather the same steering N. cooled down in the morning watch and commenced stowing down. The fog also shuts in thick and lights up alternately. being now a kind of "streak of lean and streak of fat weather". We are rather unfortunate at present as regards to health. the 4th. mate cooper. and the mates boatsteerer being off duty. each being blessed with one of Jobs comforters alias felons. also one Kanaka forward, whose complaint our modesty forbids mentioning. At 9 A. M. the fog lights up with every appearance of remaining so during the day. At 11 A. M. raised 4 sail ahead; and on the weather bow; also made Cape Thaddeus about 25 miles distant. entirely enveloped in snow; hauled up to W. and stood in for the land.

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Thursday June 12th Commences with fine weather and a good breeze from the Southward standing in toward the cape, now in full sight one of the most cheerless. dreary and dismal looking place, the imagination can well conceive where the genial warmth of the sun is never known, the land of eternal snow, where the fierce blasts of winter now sweep over its bleak and barren shore, with unlimited sway, with naught but sterile, snow capped peaks to retard its course, no tree, no shrub, no solitary blade of grass, meets the eye, to throw one cheering ray upon the scene, all is desolation one perpetual waste. nature in this remote corner of the globe appears exhausted, or has abandoned it for more genial clime. How the inhabitants contrive to eke out a miserable existence is to us a perfect mystery, unless they eat each other, as by far the greater part of the year the sea which might afford them

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a temporary as well as scanty subsistence become one solid mass of ice. The Ships appear to be dodging about very actively, in search of whales, but from appearances they have not been successful as neither of them are trying out. ten sail can be seen from mast head During the afternoon spoke the Charles Phelps of Stonington, before reported. the Minerva of New Bedford also the Liverpool 2nd no whales this season they reported having counted from off deck lying 60 sail of whalemen and that not more than 12 whales had been seen here this season. we also received the melancholy intelligence of the decease of the Captains wife since we left home which has cast a deep gloom over the ships company. and most sincerely do ~~all hands~~ every individual condole with our bereaved and afflicted Captain trusting that he may be enabled to bear up under this trying and ~~afflicting~~

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sudden calamity with fortitude and resignation and that the great disposer of all human events may reconcile him to his loss and soothe the sorrows of his bosom. At 7 P.M wore ship the weather foggy and ice within 3 miles of us. heading off shore. the crew engaged in stowing down. after part wind hauls to the Eastward heading South

Lat by Obs 62.36 N
Long by Acct 179.30 W.

Friday June 13th. Begins with fresh breezes from the Eastward. heading South stowing down. plenty of Ships in sight going hither and thither. spoke the Marcia of New Bedford 10 months out 140 Sperm and 40 of whale had not seen a single bowhead. At 6 30 P.M furled top gallant sails and mainsail also finished stowing down. As far as heard from we stand No 1

the most we have heard of is the Huntress 900
about one half of our catchings. The whales we
believe are principally in the ice near the shor
and no doubt it will be a fortnight before it
breaks up, the Straits and a long distance this
side are a still a solid mass. So eager have
they been for whales, that they have rushed
break neck fashion into the ice, ripping off
their copper and sheathing, and with
difficulty extricating themselves. and in
one instance we have heard of a French
ship being compelled to leave the ground
leaking badly from the ~~ice~~ effects of the
ice, middle and after parts weather
cold and rugged with almost a gale
of wind from E. N. E. heading N. at
9 A. M. raised a number of ships also
the Cape double reefed the topsails
and kept off for them

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Long " Acct 179-20 W

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Saturday June 14th Commences with cold rugged, disagreeable weather, and half a gale of wind from E. N. E. steering for three ships who were "gamming" during the afternoon came up with them when they proved to be the Minerva Smith, oil not known the Globe one bowhead which made them 220 bbls. the Naſsau 60 bbls of Sperm all of New Bedford they had seen two bowheads, the Minerva had a portion of the crew of the Ship New Bedford of the same place wrecked lately on one of the Fox Islands on her paſsage here, it was blowing a perfect hurricane at the time; the ship went to pieces and loſt 4 men. Letters have been received by the Captain of a later date than the sailing of the ship which brought us such melancholy tidings and they are not confirmed, so that we sincerely truſt they are premature. At 7 P. M the wind freshens, furled fore and mizen topsails and set the foresail. heading E. by S. the wind having hauled a little more to the Northward, we have seen 12 ships at one time to day from mast head. Middle part foggy and wet. at 7 A.M wore ship heading in shore. after part the watch engaged in scraping bone. the weather about the same.

Lat. by Acct. 62..15 N
Long " D: 179..40 W

Sunday 15th Begins with a cold, raw disagreeable wind from N.E. and moderately rainy and foggy, ship heading N.W by N. toward the Cape 4 sail in sight the watch engaged in scraping bone. being two heads we had below. all the rest of the bone of our 16 whales being taken care of At 6 P.M. wore ship heading off shore middle part weather thick and very foggy. after part no better. At 12 M.

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spoke the Bark Fatum, of infernal gold dust memory, one whale this season and that a small one. she is the last ship from the Sandwich Islands

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Long „ Do 179. 30 W.

Monday June 16th Begins with rainy foggy. disagreeable weather heading N. in shore saw another bark on our quarter but did not speak her, middle part the weather remaining the same; at 3 A. M. hove the lead, and obtained soundings at 40 fathoms, wore ship heading off shore, at 6.30 A.. M sounded again and found the same depth of water. After breakfast raised a sail on our lee beam supposed her to be the Marcia, where we had the promise of a try pot, three out of four of ours being almost entirely useless. She proved to be the Roman-

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of New Bedford 160 y Sperm. she had seen a number of bowheads lately, all going fast. She also reported having seen the Gladiator, which ship fell in with 12 white polar bears drifting on a large cake of ice, she lowered a boat. and went near them, when two of the monsters left the ice and made for the boat to attack it, a whaleboat with its harpoons lances, spades &c ~~and~~ being an ugly customer to attack, The boat quietly awaited their attack, and fastened to them, and with their lances and spades dispatched them. they were towed to the ship, and weighed over 1200 lbs each. The were unable to eat their flesh it being too unsavory, presume they live principally on the carcases of whales that may drift on shore and on fish, seal and walrus. A few minutes after the boat

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returned the fog lit up so that we could see two or three miles when floating ice was discovered and just beyond it the snowy steep crags of the Cape about a mile and an half distant The Ship was instantly worn around and more sail made, the lead was then thrown and 20 fathoms obtained We could distinctly hear the surf and 20 minutes more would have closed this voyage. the Roman when we last saw her was ~~directly~~ heading directly in toward the shore, unconscious of her proximity as we had a glimpse of the land for an instant only and the fog shut both out for view.. It is a fortunate circumstance that it is constant daylight here (there being no night with us) as owing to the large fleet here, accidents might occur, by running foul or going ashore, as we have already heard of a French ship having her jib boom carried away after part wind out N.N.E. heading E. weather thick and foggy.

Lat by Acct 62. 35 N
Long .. Do 179.. 10 W

Tuesday June 17th Begins with wet foggy weather, and light airs from N.N.E. heading E. and endeavoring to crawl off the land but make but little progreſs. we have however got the larboard anchor off the bows and the chain bent, so that we can let go in an instant, if it is neceſsary at 3 P.M sounded and found 50 fathoms at 7 P.M. the fog lit up a little when we raised 5 sail, but they were soon shut out of sight. During the middle watch the wind hauls to N.W. heading up N.N.E. and blows fresh with fog and rain at 3 A.M sounded again but found no

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bottom, after part wind and weather the same

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Wednesday June 18th Begins with rain and thick fog wind N.W. heading N.N.E kept her off to South, the wind moderating a little, at 1 P.M. spoke the English Ship Jane of Hobart Town 140 bbls Sperm and 180 do. of Whale, had seen several bow heads yesterday, she also made the land this morning about 30 miles distant supposed it to be the Cape to Westward of Cape Thaddeus. About 7 P.M. begins to clear away seen another sail to leeward, middle part good weather raised another sail also seen a carcass or blasted whale, did not run for it as it was past all use, at 6 A.M. raised 4 sail also made the cape 25 miles distant

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After breakfast raised one solitary bowheads, the first we have seen since our arrival here, lowered three boats and gave him chase for three long hours as tight as they could spring, after nearly running his flukes off, they came on board precisely as they started that is empty handed, after part beautiful weather wind out to the Westward

Lat by Obs. 61.55 N
Long " Acct 179.30 W

Thursday Jun 19th Begins with thick cloudy weather, and sets in to rain, by way of variety, wind to the Westward, the Ship in full chase of the whale "the same old critter" the mate then lowered, but the whale had recovered his wind and dodged him again so we were compelled to give him up. At 3 P.M the clouds

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breaks away. the rain ceases, the fog lights up, and the sun bursts forth once more in all his majesty, by the bye a rare treat in this country. At 6 P.M. blows fresh from the N. heading off shore, took in fore and mizen top gallant sails in two hours moderates again, middle part fine weather. At 4 A.M. raised 11 sail off the pitch of the Cape afterwards raised 6 more close in to the land, saw 4 boiling out of the entire fleet, stood in toward ~~to~~ the land wind to the westward, also raised two whales lowered ~~all~~ three boats but could not get near them. remainder of the day wind and weather the same

Lat by Obs 62.17 N
Long " Acct 179.58 E

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Friday June 20th. Begins with beautiful weather. light breeze from W. to W.S.W. standing in toward the Cape raised two bowheads. lowered all the boats and gave chase to no purpose. the whales here are very scarce and unusually wild. from what we have seen since we have been here, there are about 7 ships to one whale rather lean picking. This afternoon spoke the Washington of Sagharbor 700 barrels this season, had taken it at the South where we obtained ours. she reported only 4 ships having taken any oil here. Also spoke the Levi Starbuck one whale this season which they were then boiling Also the Marcia both of New Bedford before reported when the Captain went on board to obtain a try pot. Also spoke the Chile of New Bedford just out from Oahu nothing this season

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Her boats went on shore to day
and the crew found plenty of inhabitants
they took a stroll around among their
huts. without molestation. they also
saw two bears and quite a number
of deer in their travels. At ½ past 10
P.M. our boat came alongside with
the try pot, which was hoisted in, the
yards squared, and we stood on to
the Northward. At 5 A.M. commenced
scraping and cleaning out our pot
preparatory to setting it. the bottom
being covered with tar and pitch.
After cleaning it. to our utter astonishment
we found it totally worthless being cracked
in every direction. We immediately
braced forward in search of the Marcia
to obtain another pot, or the boat we
gave in lieu of it. This was a bitter
disappointment to us and hope the fraud

was not intentional, altho the transaction looks rather dark on his side. If it was we trust her captain may experience a head wind the next 60 days and the first ten bowheads he cuts ~~be~~ prove dry skins. To day we saw a number of sail some heading to the Northward some to the Southward, but one boiling one of the ships we saw yesterday. also overtook the Marcia and returned the pot at 12 M. blows very fresh from W. N. W. heading N. furled top gallant sails. the rain also sets in.

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Long " Do. 179..20 W

Saturday June 21st Begins with half a gale of wind from the Westward accompanied with rain, the weather very cold and disagreeable heading to the ~~North~~ Southward, spoke the

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Ship Wm Thompson of New Bedford on whale this season, had left 65 bbls Sperm oil at Fayal, also lost 2 men off Cape Horn, she reported Behrings Sts entirely closed, the ice being firm and solid, and that some 17 or 18 sail were at anchor at the North doing nothing waiting for the ice to break up, which in all probability will not take place these three weeks, At 7 P.M. the wind begins to moderate, raised several spouts from mast head. At 8 P.M. the 2nd mate lowered but being very rugged he was unable to get near them, some 8 or 10 whales were seen during the night, (if night it could be called being broad day light all the time) In the morning watch 26 sail were counted from masthead. and only one boiling The wind also dies away gradually and at 7 A. M. is a dead calm. We have all kinds of weather in this queer country- having occasionally, spring. summer. autumn and winter-, three gales of wind and as many calms in the course of 24 hours. After part of the day calm and clear

Lat by Obs. 63.04 N
Long " Chron. 179.55 W

Sunday June 22nd Begins with light airs from S. E. standing in toward the Cape. at 2 P. M raised a bowhead, he was going so fast we did not lower for him At 7 P. M. raised a straight head whale lowered three boats. and gave chase also exchanged signals with a French ship. hoisted up the boats. saw seven or eight whales lowered all four boats and took another heat at it with no better success. hoisted up the boats at 1/2 past 9 P.M. the sun still shining brightly. Middle part wind very fresh from S.E. and a number of whales in sight. At 6 A.M a thick fog sets in standing in toward the land at 1/2 past 6 raised large masses of floating ice close aboard tacked ship immediately and stood off in another half hour the wind hauls to S.S.W and the fog lights up with the Cape plain in sight about 12 miles distant. also an extensive range of field and drift ice, nearly as far as the eye could reach, also saw several whales making for the ice tacked ship again and stood in after them, with a raw keen air stirring, saw but three ships this morning, whereas yesterday afternoon 17 were counted from mast head, and only one boiling.

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At 9 wore ship again, being close to the ice full as near as prudence would dictate We counted 7 bowheads making for the ice the wind also increased. with a short cross sea. reefed fore and mizen topsails. This morning we saw the Champion but did not speak her, having heard from her a few days since. The remainder of the day wind and weather the same standing off and on the ice

Lat. by Ob. 62.52 N
Long " Acct. 179.40 E.

Monday. June 23rd Begins with cold rugged weather, and half a gale of wind from S.S.W. heading off the ice, double reefed the maintopsail. During the afternoon run along the edge of the ice, and found it to be drift ice broken up into hummock of every size. from small pieces. to those of the size of a ships hull, and nearly as high out of the water, It appeared as tho" all the ice in the entire bay from Cape St Thaddeus to Cape Navarin inclusive, some 15 or 20 miles in extent had broken up simultaneously and was drifting out. We saw one whale laying near a large cake of ice, and immediately lowered three boats to pursue him in the ice, they however were unable to get near him. they saw a great number of hair seal. and the footprints of bears on the ice, a thick fog coming in a signal was made for the boats to come on board, which they did, were hoisted up. the yards braced forward and we stood on off shore, the wind having hauled to the Southward and the fog setting in thick, with every prospect of continuing so for sometime to come.

At midnight wore ship heading in toward the ice the weather thick and foggy. After breakfast saw several whales lowered all four boats and gave them chase but to no purpose they were going with the speed of locomotives. three ships in sight this morning

Lat. by Obs. 62.55 N
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Tuesday June 24th Begins with moderate breezes from the Southward heading in toward the ice. the weather still thick raised two bow heads one on the lee bow and the other on the weather bow hauled aback the main yard and waited for a chance, as we are satisfied that the only chance of striking one of these whales is his accidentally coming up near the boats, presume they have just struck on the ground is the cause of their being so unusually wild. Supposing we had a favorable opportunity lowered three boats and chased them into the ice. without being able to strike took up the boats and stood along the ice we soon raised more whales lowered again with the same success At 6 P.M the boats returned again to the ship, after supper lowered again and after an ~~[illegible]~~ ineffectual chase were called on board for the night a thick fog setting in. Saw two ships to windward one we believe with a whale alongside. We believe now as the whales are coming so fast, that in a weeks time when they get a little more at home, they will be more quiet, and we may possibly get a good cut before proceeding to the Arctic

Ocean. During the night the fog lifts up at intervals. saw several whales. Also one ship cutting and boiling. At 4 A. M. had a glimpse of the land. and the ice. remainder of the day foggy

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Wednesday June 25th Begins with foggy weather and a dead calm, shot a fine meſs of ducks. also threw out our lines for codfish but without succeſs. The weather still continuing foggy. without the remotest prospect of seeing a whale and the ship remaining motionleſs on the glaſsy surface of the water the the Captain concluded to give the ships company. a game dinner to morrow consisting of wild duck. Two boats were accordingly lowered each

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provided with a fowling piece They proceeded but a short distance from the ship and the rapid report of their guns announced the work of destruction had commenced. In two hours time they returned bringing with them 49 large crow bill or Kamschatka ducks. At 8 P. M. the fog lights up a little and the land was plain in sight about 15 miles distant. a light breeze also springs up from S. E. heading N. E. and only one ship in sight. Saw several mud diggers or california greys and two bow heads. gave chase to no purpose. Also spoke the Wm. Wirt of Fairhaven 8 months out 200 barrels altogether, one bowhead this season she reported the Wm. Thompson 2 whales since we saw her

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Long " Acct 179.40 W.

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Thursday June 26th. Begins with light airs from the Eastward running along the ice in the bay in hopes of falling upon some unlucky bowhead, all four boats down. 9 ships now in sight from off deck the W. Wirt also reports the ice solid in the vicinity of the Straits, and it is impossible to say when it will break up. the season is fast dwindling away and the ships are doing nothing, some ships have been here 60 days and have not yet got a horsepiece. Every thing looks gloomy, and bids fair to be the poorest season's work ever made by the whaling fleet. England, America, France, and Bremen with other Dutch ships are partaking in the common misery. Also spoke the Roanoke of Greenport 13 months out 60 barrels of oil, she reported the Wm Thompson another whale to day,

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making her 4 whales this season and 3 this week. To day we sounded and found 22 fathoms water. During the afternoon whilst three of the boats were off. we descried some large monster of the deep. very quietly taking a pleasure excursion on a cake of ice he appeared to enjoy himself very much, looking leisurely around as he drifted along about 1/2 a mile off. At first we supposed it a bear. as they abound in this region. and the Captain loading his double barrelled gun lowered away. and pulled for him, when within about gunshot. he plunged overboard in the direction of the boat. and in a few minutes he reappeared ahead of the boat. the Captain fired one barrel, reserving the other, in case he should attempt to get in the boat. the ball just grazed his head and appeared to satisfy him perfectly as he did not again make his appearance

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We presume it was a large Sea Lion
as seal in all their varieties are very
abundant here. Also spoke the George
Washington of Wareham 160 Sperm
nothing this season and the Bayard
of Westport 700 had shipped home
oil last season. From the Wm. Wirt
we obtained another pot, for which
great favor we shall consider her
skipper a gentleman, and wish
him prosperity and a full ship
not forgetting ourselves in our overflow
of human kindness. This morning
raised a bowhead the 2nd mate
lowered and chased him the whole
forenoon. We have heard where the
Huntress obtained her oil, it was
in the bay at the N. W. part of Kamschatka
Sea the ice closed in upon her and
locked her in for one month. She

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struck 11 whales and saved 7 making her 900 barrels when the ice let her out

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Friday June 27th Begins with fine weather and light airs from the S. the Ship following the 2nd mate. Soon after dinner the joyful cry was heard from the mast head "he's fast" we could scarce realize the report, but ocular demonstration soon put the matter to rest, he was fast sure enough. the mate lowered instantly. and every man strained his utmost. for fear the whale would get loose, before another boat could fasten. the second mate however killed him. and the mate fastening, he was ours beyond a doubt. At half past 2 P.M. commenced cutting and cut him in 2 hours 36 minutes we also set the try pot we obtained from the Wm. Wirt, so that we are once more fairly on our legs again. This afternoon

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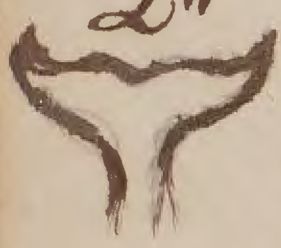

spoke the Nassau again, nothing since we saw her last. also the Prudence of Stonington one whale this season, all she has since leaving home 8 months since We also heard that the India of New London had been seen a little to the Northward of us in the ice, completely hemmed in. she had her colours set at half mast in distress, but no aid could be afforded her, nor could she extricate ~~his~~ herself ~~ship~~, her colors were visible for two days and it is supposed that she is lost. Doubts are also entertained of the fate of the crew. but we hope for the best About 20 miles to the Northward of us, the ice appears to be solid as far as the eye could reach, and it is very doubtful if we could reach within 100 miles of the Straits. At ½ past 5 P.M. braced forward and stood in toward the land, with the wind out from the Southward and a cold drizzling rain setting in. During the night started the works at 4 A.M. a thick fog could not see half a dozen ships length at 5 clear away with the wind out from the Westward. the 2nd mate lowered but a thick fog setting in lost the run of his whale when he came on board. After breakfast the weather cleared up beautifully raised another whale heading for the ice. the 2nd mate lowered again, the crew employed in boiling and scraping bone. This morning seen 9 sail ~~in sight~~. At ½ past 9 the 2nd Mate struck and in 20 minutes the whale carried him into the ice, the mate also lowered and proceeded with all possible speed to his aſsistance when he too plunged into the ice and disappeared from view. This is a species of whaling, which requires the greatest coolneſs and self poſseſsion, united with ~~the~~ prudence and energy. the guiding of a frail whale boat through the intricate and narrow openings between huge maſses of floating ice grinding and crushing each other with with terrific noise as they dash together. the affrighted ~~man~~ monster maddened with pain, plunging headlong in his wild career regardleſs of all obstacles, whirling along the boat with her hardy crew, all this is no easy task or pleasure excursion. The least contact of the boat with the ice as she flies along would shiver her to atoms, and plunge her crew into the cold fathomleſs abyſs with nought but drifting icebergs for their companions. It will therefore be readily perceived that such navigation requires a little more than theory

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or a knowledge of plane sailing. When the fast boat disappeared in the ice, her waif or flag was set as the signal of a fast boat and she went in with colours flying at the mast head, ~~regardless of all danger~~ Occasionally a glimpse could be obtained of the boats as they darted across some narrow opening and were again lost from view, now pulling, now paddling as the crevices opened or contracted, now veering out line to avoid some large piece of ~~line~~, ice, then hauling in ~~line~~ to get upon him, and this too at least two miles in the ice formed quite an exciting scene. In an hours time it became apparent that the whale had taken all their lines, which they were compelled to give him as he run under extensive fields of ice, when presently up shot a column of dark red blood, in deep contrast with the bright, snow white back ground. It was evident that the fatal lance, with unerring aim had touched the vital part, and as ~~the blood~~ it spouted forth as from a fountain in rapid succession, we began to call him ours. Fainter and fainter grew the scarlet tinted jets until nothing but the ice appeared in view with now and then a partial glimpse at the boats, but no whale. Suspense now became painful and every eye was strained to catch one glance of him, the glass from the mast head, was directed again and again to the spot and every opening in the ice as well as every floating cake carefully scanned but to no purpose and the general impression was that in his death throes he had come up under some large field of ice, and was

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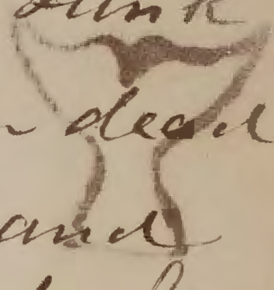
total loss to us. but soon the cheering
cry came from aloft, I see the boats
they are hauling him up he has sunk
it appeared that supposing him dead



the 2nd mate went up to him and
commenced
opening his lips with a boat hook. his
whaleship not relishing such uncourteous
treatment, immediately rallied his
expiring strength and caught the boat
between his fins, rolling and tossing
her about, at the same time sweeping
from right to left with his ponderous
flukes directly under the boat, to the
imminent peril of both ~~the~~ her boat and
~~the~~ crew as he writhed and tossed
in the agonies of death. Luckily the
boat was but partially stoven, and the
crew uninjured altho "stirred up with the
tallest kind of poker" When he expired
the weight of the lines carried him

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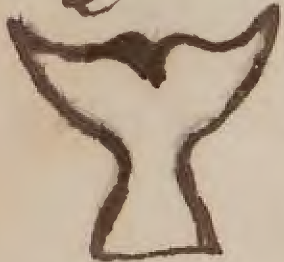
down, but his determined captors were not thus to be baffled of their prize with great labor and exertion they succeeded ~~him~~ in hauling him to the surface when he floated lightly. Both boats then set ~~their~~ colors, and commenced towing him thro this vast field of ice which being announced from mast head the Captain instantly despatched another boat to assist in towing, he having been an attentive observer of their manoeuvres for the last 4 hours with glass in hand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S~~un~~aturday June 28th. Begins with fine weather and light airs from S. E. the boats still engaged in towing their whale now entirely clear from the ice the ship working her way up toward them, and boiling at the same time. At ½ past 1

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took him alongside. After dinner commenced cutting him in a drizzling rain setting in this being our usual attendant whilst cutting. At 11 P.M spoke the Mary Ann of Fairhaven 8 months out, not a single whale since she left home. middle part standing off the ice. at 5 A. M. raised two bow heads the 2nd and 4th mates lowered and chased 3 hours without success when they came on board. After Part wind out from the Eastward

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Sunday Jun 29th Begins with fine weather and light breezes from the Eastward standing in toward the ice. employed in boiling but three sail in sight. during the afternoon spoke the Ship America of New Bedford two bowheads this season and

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one of them a dead whale (making 190 barrels) and two small sperm whales on her paſsage out. She reported that the India had been extricated from her perilous situation, with comparatively speaking, but trifling injury, which must be gratifying to the whole fleet. After supper saw a whale about a mile astern the mate and 3rd mates lowered, also two boats from the America and all went in the ice together. Whilst they were gone another very large one mad his appearance close to the ship the watch below were called and the 2nd mate lowered after several ineffectual attempts to get near the whales. the boats all returned to the Ship. were hoisted up, wore ship and stood off the ice. Middle part standing off and on the ice, some 1/2 dozen ships in sight also tacking repeatedly. After beautiful weather and moderate breezes from the Southward steering E.

Lat. by Obs 63.37 N
Long " Chron 179.54 E

Monday June 30th Begins with fine weather and moderate breezes from the Southward the crew engaged in boiling At 5 P.M. cooled down the works. after supper commenced stowing down, when whales were again raised. all the boats were lowered and gave chase, after two hours hard pulling they came on board the whales going to windward, and it being quite rugged, the whales now begin to act as if they intended shortly to settle down here and become quiet, when we may have an opportunity to get a good cut. which it should occur, we shall have brisk times whilst it lasts, as is there is no night with us. and we have three pots set capable of containing 600 gallons. 7 sail in sight to day, middle part fresh breezes from S.E to S.S.E. and clear weather at 6 A.M. hauled to S.S.W. 11 sail now in sight. remainder of the day employed in stowing down wind and weather the same

Lat. by Obs. 63.31.N
Long. " Acct 179.50 E

Tuesday July 1st Begins with pleasant weather and light airs from the S. standing off the ice, the crew engaged in stowing down. at 2 P.M. blowing very ~~sud~~ fresh all of a sudden from S.S.W hauled out the reef tackles, took in the jib and wore ship heading West. At 6 P.M. wore ship heading E by S middle part wind quite fresh from the

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Southward heading E.ly S. double reefed the topsails the weather cold foggy and very disagreeable, the snow trying now to melt on shore and occasionally something like barren rocks begin to peep out from the snow. The weather is remarkably cold for the month of July and thick winter clothing in full requisition. the writer himself sleeping nightly under 4 thick woollen blankets. one heavy bedspread and a jacket. and can not at that start a single drop of perspiration in a close room almost air tight Coughs and heavy colds prevail throughout the ship resembling influenza. occasioned by the damp atmosphere, and is very trying to the constitution. we have also two more cases of felons being 5 in all; what can cause felons to be so much more prevalent at sea than on shore, is a mystery we cannot solve, and beats our philosophy altogether finished stowing off in the first watch. remainder of the day foggy wind the same

Lat by Acct 64 " -- N
Long " D: 178 " -- W

Wednesday July 2nd Begins with thick foggy weather. wind from the S. heading E. by S. at 2 P. M squared the yards and kept her off N. W. At 5 P. M the fog lights up a little to the leeward. raised two ships heading in toward the land, middle part thick fog heading S. W. at 6 A. M heard the roaring of ice grinding and chafing to pieces but a short distance from us to leeward wore ship immediately heading to the Eastward. Remainder of the day thick fog and a dead calm

Lat. by Acct. 63" 50 N.
Long. " Do. 179" 30 W.

Thursday July 3rd Begins with a dead calm and a thick fog, could distinctly hear the roar of the ice breaking to pieces somewhere in our vicinity. could also hear conversation. and coopering on board some ship, but could not see her. During the afternoon sounded and found bottom with 38 fathoms. a light breeze also springs up heading E. by S. In the course of the middle watch clears up a little counted 7 sail and saw immense fields of floating ice. Remainder of the day fog. lights up running through ice

Lat. by Obs. 64" 20 N.
Long. " Chron 179. 20 E.

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Friday July 4th Begins with cloudy weather and light breezes from the N. heading N. E. and plenty of drift-ice as far as the eye can reach, rather a queer sight for the day, as one would naturally suppose from the association of ideas that we were roasting under a midsummer's sun, but there is nothing strange in this odd clime, unless it be forsooth good weather and bow heads, the last of which are like angels visits few and far between To day spoke the Roman of New-Bedford, one dead whale making her 80 barrels since we saw her last the Gov Troop of do. 280 of Sperm on board. nothing this season, the St. George of do. 700 barrels altogether 3 whales this season the ~~Mary~~ George & ~~Susan~~ Mary of New London nothing at all this season so far

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We also had the satisfaction this afternoon of seeing a solitary bowhead, the first this month, making for the ice with the speed of a locomotive, immediately lowered three boats to help him along and keep him company, they however returned in about two hours after an ineffectual chase through a cold drizzling rain which had set in, in fact we do not expect much better weather untill some 200, million tons of ice in our immediate vicinity either dissolves or evaporates. and when that will take place God in his infinite wisdom only knows, as we have been waiting for it ~~to take place~~ the entire month of June and are as far off as when we first commenced. Job in all his trials and vexations was never in such a plight as the whaling fleet the present season or methinks his stoical philosophy and patience would have been put to too severe a test. To day saw a ship on our weather bow boiling In the middle watch the fog clear up with fresh breezes from the Northward heading N.E. and cold disagreeable weather. at 5 A.M ten sail in sight from mast head, also the land on our weather beam about 40 miles distant. We are informed there are about 60 sail laying at the mouth of the straits and at St Lawrence Island, doing nothing but bein full of expectation. Remainder of the day good weather and moderate breezes from N.N.W heading N.E.

Lat by Obs 64.17 N
Long . Chron 176.39 W

Saturday July 5th. Begins with pleasant weather and moderate breezes from N.N.W

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heading up N.E. with a perfectly clear
sea no ice in sight from mast head
running along the coast at the southern
edge of Anadir Sea. a number of fin
backs in sight but no bowheads. the
St. George and Gov. Throop in company
with us. also a bark on our lee quarter
all bound toward Behrings Straits
which we hope to reach by to morrow
or as far as the ice will permit. and ~~hoping~~
that we may be able to penetrate into,
if not pass through the Straits, as the
sea is now more free from ice than we
have seen it at any time for the last
three weeks. At 7 P.M tacked ship
heading W.N.W. intending to get nearer
the land that we may be enabled
to coast along ~~the~~ it ~~land~~ on the other
tack in hopes of falling in with
some straggling bowheads dodging about

some of the numerous bays and capes in our way along. Middle part blows fresh from the Northward reefe all the topsails. also brought up on ice and was compelled to tack again and stand to the Eastward in the morning watch run through the end of the ice about three miles in width and came out in a clear sea again. This morning spoke the English Bark Elginor or Ellinor of Hobart Town one whale this season she reported speaking a few days since the Mary Frazier of New Bedford 2000 barrels 500 this season. After part almost a dead calm a light air from the N. E. sounded and found bottom with 36 fathoms of line. This morning saw a dead whale about 5 miles ahead of us and a ship heading toward it about 1/2 the distance off we were she finally lowered and took it alongside when she commenced cutting

Lat. by Obs. 64"37 N
Long " Chron. 175"59 W

Sunday July 6th. Begins with light air from the Northward steering for the ship cutting, spoke her when she proved to be the Roscius of New ~~London~~ Bedford had taken 200 Sperm since she left Fayal and one bowhead this season beside the stinker which she was cutting and richly did it merit the appellation of stinker the effluvia from it as we passed being horrible. the Roscius had been in the ice for a week and had received some damage. This ship lost a boat and her entire crew in the vicinity of Cape Horn. the Metacom also lost a boats crew off the Falkland

Island, they had fastened to a large sperm whale and he had taken the mates line the mate returned to the ship to obtain another line, when a passenger they had on board being desirous to see them kill a whale accompanied them, they returned fastened and commenced lancing, when suddenly the boat went down and none of her crew were ever seen again We have also heard of the loss of the ship Ajax this season at St. Lawrence island, being the second ship lost this season, the particulars we have not yet learned. After supper spoke the Constitution of Nantucket 46 months out to day 500 Sperm 100 blackfish nothing this season also the bark Benedict of New London clean the wind also comes out from the N. E. heading E. S. E. with every appearance of fog setting in, we can also see plenty of ice extending from the shore some 10 or 15 miles out. To day saw quite a settlement of native huts but was unable to get there had we been so inclined. Middle and after parts good weather wind out N. N. W. heading W. S. W. 10 sail in sight

Lat. by Obs. 64.. 14 N
Long. " Chro. 177.. 19 W

Monday July 7th Begins with fine weather and a good breeze from N. N. W steering S. W. a great number of fin and hump backs in sight also 7 ships during the afternoon spoke the French Ship Cosmopolite of Havre 1500 barrels 150 this season, this being her second season, also heard from the Copia 4 whales this season, also heard lately from the Huntress she had been in the ice the second time and is now leaking 1600 strokes per hour, and is endeavoring to make some bay or harbor where she can repair damages, as she leaks to that degree, that it would be impossible to attempt whaling for they could not spare the men from the pumps, such are the fruits of bucking into the ice During the middle watch wore ship heading to the N. E. after part wind the same with a light rain

Lat by Acct 64 " 40 N
Long " D° 176 " " W

Tuesday July 8th Begins with light airs from N. W. heading N. N. E with rain and plenty of ice in sight but no whales. In the course of the afternoon three large boats or canoes filled with natives were seen paddling toward us in an hours time they came alongside. they were sharp at both ends like a whaleboat, but flat bottomed. a rough kind of frame covered with skins each boat contained 10 individuals. they were soon clambering up the ships side and gained the deck being all clothed in skins. their dress consisted of moccasins with leggins of seal skin or deer skin. their trousers were made of the same materials and set close to their legs, a fit that would not disgrace some of our fashionable tailors their upper garments consisted of a fur coat with sleeves and well stitched together with fur or seal cap and mittens. over the coat they wore a loose coat similar to ~~a sh~~ an oil skin jacket, of very light material apparently made of the entrails of the walrus or whale. a hood was attached to it to cover the head or cap and we presume was water proof. take them altogether they were the most comfortably clad of any nations we have ever seen. They were rather diminutive in stature but remarkably robust, and the very picture of health, their complexion swarthy with high prominent cheek bones which gave the nose the appearance of an African. eyes small, black and set deep in the head the hair black and straight. on the top of the head the hair cut close in a circle of about 4 inches in diameter, the hair about the ~~cut~~ edges being suffered to grow some 4 inches in length. these came out some 15 or 20 miles to see us and were all males, at least so far as our observation extended. Their boats were all equipped for whaling having a number of spears & lances pointed with walrus teeth, and lines or thongs made of rein deer skin, each boat had also a number of buoys made of seal skin. Their mode of whaling is as follows they paddle up to a whale and throw in their spears and draw out the handle to the head of each spear is attached a short line of deer skin. to the other end of the line they attach a seal skin buoy. these bouys are made from the skin of the seal, the head of the seal is cut off. they commence skinning and turn the skin over as they progress and they leave but one hole in it where the head is severed from the body, it is then filled with air and securely tied. to each lance they attach one of these skins so that after throwing several of their lance, the whale is unable to draw them under and being compelled to remain on the surface soon becomes an easy prey to them They resemble in appearance and stature the Tartars more than any other race we have seen they brought with them for trade a few wild ducks eggs, some small walrus teeth, mittens, moccasins and what clothing they stood in tobacco was sought for by them with the utmost avidity. after remaining with us about 2 hours they took their departure for shore. After supper another boat came alongside. and among the inmates was a woman, she was much lighter in complexion and her hair was suffered to grow all over the head her clothing or rather her upper garments was longer than the mens and like all the rest of her sex she wore ornaments in her ears. and her tongue was in constant motion, she remained in the boat but kept up a constant chattering. with a smiling countenance and a wicked eye, after remaining about an hour she too clambered up the ships side but being provided with a pair of deer skin inexpressibly. she straddled over the ~~ships~~ rail in good style. she was tattooed on the chin and both cheeks and wore some ornaments on her wrists by way of bracelets they appear to be a very quiet, good natured and inoffensive people, with an intelligent countenance, of an iron robust frame capable of sustaining the greatest fatigue and privation nor are they in any way particular in their food as they picked up some old whale scraps of life so scanty and obtained with so much labor and difficulty. that we very much doubt if a single individual with all their boasted philanthropy could be found to undertake a mission among them particularly as the prospect of bettering their condition in a pecuniary point of view is so poor. The whalemen have now opened a fair field for missionary enterprise which in fact has been the case with almost every island in the Pacific, the missionary not venturing until the savage disposition of the natives has been somewhat mollified by their intercourse with whalemen so that the whaling fleet may with strict propriety and justice be termed the pioneers of christianity and civilization in the broad Pacific, ~~and the~~ they opening the door and the missionary walking in. they have also contributed largely toward the support of missionaries to instruct the natives, as the weekly columns of the Friend and the cash box of brother Damon and a few other divines on this side of the land will testify to During the remainder of the day weather foggy wind out N. E beating up toward the Straits

Lat. by Acct 64.50 N
Long " D: 176.10 W

Wednesday July 9th Begins with cloudy foggy weather and almost a calm at 2 P.M lights up a little saw two large humpbacks about ½ a mile off the second mate lowered and finally succeeded in getting so near of them that the boatsteerer darted at one of them but the chance not being a good one he missed him at 6 P.M. a good breeze from E. S. E. beating to windward. At midnight a dead calm. saw two bow heads going very fast toward the shore. At 2 A.M begins to breeze up from the N.E. kept constantly taking in sail and by 7 A.M. had her hove to larboard tacks on board with no sail set excepting fore topmast staysail and double reefed maintopsail, remainder of the day laying to in a gale of wind from N.E. accompanied with rain heading E.S.E.

Lat by Acct 64.20 N.
Long " D: 176.— W.

Thursday July 10th: Begins with a gale of wind from N.E. and a rain storm laying to larboard tacks on board, passing the time however very contentedly, as we have every reason to believe this gale will break up the ice in Behrings Straits and enable us to pass through into the Arctic, where we believe the whales all are. At 3 P. M. the Gideon Howland passed across our stern and hoved to about ½ a mile to leeward of us. it was too rugged for either to board we heard of her a few days since 11 whales. 1650 bbls. this season, her whales according to their hail averaging 150 bbls each. *Pro dig i ous* we took 15 whales in the same place and did not get one that made 150 barrels and are therefore strongly inclined to think her 1650 bbls. smell fishy. At 4 begins to moderate wind in the same direction, with strong hopes of a good day tomorrow. Middle part constantly moderating and the sea running down. At 6 A. M spoke the Gideon Howland direct from the Straits, had proceeded as far as the Arctic where she was stopped by the ice, and saw no whales excepting one dead one which she picked up making her 100 barrels, hailing now with this whale 1550 this season and 230 sperm before she came here. Also spoke the Robert Edwards of New Bedford 24 months out 700 sperm and one bowhead this season, have heard from the Braganza two bowheads and two rip sacks this season the Enterprize of Nantucket one whale this season. the Charles Phelps in sight to day nothing since we saw her last. remainder of the day good weather, and light winds from N. E. with any quantity of ice in sight—

Lat. by Obs. 63 " 16 N
Long " Acct 175 " 10 W

Friday July 11th. Begins with good weather and light winds from N. E. steering along the ice in hopes of ~~got~~ finding a passage around it to proceed to the North

to try and find whales; had it not been
for that accursed Cape St. Thaddeus
we would now in all probability have
had 350 barrels, ~~no~~ but no Cape
Thaddeus was in every ones mouth
and created a greater mania among
whalemen than ever California did
among the loafers and speculators
and forsooth we must take up our trotters
and budge along with the rest for
this whaling El. Dorado some actually
running through shoals of whales which
would make from 100 to 150 barrels without
stopping, because the whales at the cape
as they stated would make 250 or 300
barrels and what is the consequence, there
has not been a whale seen for every ship
during the season (throwing aside the catching
part) and now they cut and shave
about the ice, eyeing each other askance

with rueful countenancy. At 1 P.M the fog sets in occasionally lights up seen two humpbacks the only kind of whales we have seen since heading to the Southward remainder of the day lights up and shuts in thick alternately seen two sail standing the same way of ourselves

Lat. by Obs 62..11 N.
Long " Chron 173..53 W

Saturday

July 12th Begins with thick weather wind N. heading S.S.E. directing our course towards St. Matthew's island in hopes of finding something there as it is too soon yet to think of trying the Sts. at present as the ice in the Arctic forms a solid wall across the Sts.

as high as a Ships main top and there is no doubt from the vast quantities of ice afloat in every direction the past winter has been one of unparallelled severity. that the spring and summer have been extremely cold thus far we can bear ample testimony to. - Middle and after parts weather continues foggy. in the morning watch wind hauls to S. S. W heading S. E. remainder of the day thick fog wind the same

Lat. by Acct 61.10N
Long. " Do 173.30W

Sunday July 13th Begins with thick fog and light breeze from S. S. W. heading S. E. by S. at 1 P. M. tacked ship heading W. by N. the fog also lights up a little so that we can see three or four miles. nothing in sight from mast head but wild fowl at 1/2 past 3 tacked again heading S.S.E. beating up toward St. Matthews about 45 miles distant by our reckoning. At 11 P.M. sounded and found bottom with 30 fathoms of line hauled aback the foreyard and remained so until 6 A.M. when the fog lighting up a little saw the island of St. Matthews 4 points on our weather bow about 10 miles distant, immediately braced forward and stood on passing on through countless myriads of wild ducks, never in our life have we seen such vast quantities of wild fowl, any number of which could be shot from the ships deck as we were completely surrounded with them, the sea being literally covered with them as far as the eye could reach and the air filled with them, and should we land here in the course of the day there is no doubt we could load our boats with their eggs. as it is the season for laying, which would afford us a rich treat, as their eggs are of a more delicious flavor. It was in this vicinity the Gladiator took her bears an account of which we have before given. this morning saw two whales one a humpback, the other we could not designate as it was too far off. at 1/2 past 8 tacked ship beating up toward the island, also raised a sail on our lee quarter some distance suppose it is the Gideon Howland which ship sailed in company with us a day or two since for this island and was separated from us in the fog There are some traces of winter still ~~see~~ visible around the island the ravines and crevices in the rocks retaining their snowy mantle. the low ground and the greater part of the island is however clear from snow. but as yet we can not perceive any appearance of vegetation or of verdure. During the forenoon seen a whale spouting off the bluff. immediately lowered three boats the 1st 2nd and 4th mates. when they proceeded with all poſsible despatch to the spot, before they arrived there however the fog set in and shut them out of view. remainder of the day foggy beating up toward the island

Lat. by Obs. 60.44 N
Long. " Chron 173.23 W.

Monday July 14th. Begins with foggy weather and light breezes from S.S.W. heading in toward the north island a small island from 10 to 15 miles in circumference laying to the northward of St. Matthews some 5 or 6 miles distant when the boats were last seen. At 1 P.M. the fog lights up and we looked and looked in vain for them ~~boats~~, but were unable to discover the least sign of them, and we finally concluded the crews had landed and were loading the boats with ducks eggs. In about three hours more we discovered a boat with sail set, standing out from between the islands. in a few minutes after we saw the other two boats apparently towing something with their sails set, Conjecture now was busy as to what they were doing and the general belief was that the two boats were towing a whale, and the other boat had been partially stoven and A- was making the best of her way to the ship nearer and nearer came the boat and at 4 P.M. she came alongside, when lo

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behold instead of a stoven boat. she was filled with a huge white bear dissected in complete style When she reported ~~them~~ the other boats towing another monster in a short time they arrived and Bruin was hoisted in, in all his glory. It appeared that being unable to get near the whale. concluded they would proceed to the shore and see what was there They found great numbers of walrus strewed all along the shore and myriads of sea fowl and in one small beach they saw 9 large white bears. they appeared to be perfectly inoffensive, and feared the approach of man, as they beat a retreat very speedily, nor were the boats crews in the least ~~intimidated~~ intimidated by them as they sprang upon the shore and attacked them with stones, hoping to drive them in-

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the water when they would give them a whalemens reception but Bruin was not thus to be thrown off his guard and altho one of them was wounded they could not be brought to the scratch seeking flight for safety. They however found two more large ones who were more unfortunately situated, sitting upon a rock some little distance from the shore leaving a small channel way between them and the shore so that they were compelled to take to the water in order to escape from the boats as they approached, Accordingly they plunged into the water and buffeted the billows, at the same instant the crews sprung to their oars and were down upon them, up jumped the ~~boat~~ boatsteerer and threw his iron fast and solid into the carcass of one of them, a terrific growl and roar from

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from the affrighted monster, announced that the iron had taken effect, infuriated with pain, and reeking in his gore, with distended eye balls, and ~~jaws~~ jaws ~~dis~~ opened to their utmost capacity disclosing a set of formidable teeth, he turned upon his aggressors, and quick as thought, seized the stem of the boat setting his teeth directly through it like so many augers, then placing his ponderous paw which could ~~be~~ scarcely be crowded in an ordinary deck bucket, upon her gunwale he prepared to enter her and make a desperate resistance. Matters now began to assume a serious aspect, and it was very evident that a crisis was near at hand and the battle began in down right earnest a boat to a bear, the second mate seizes a harpoon, but the bear hurried his time so quick, that he was unable to take off the sheath, and the thrust

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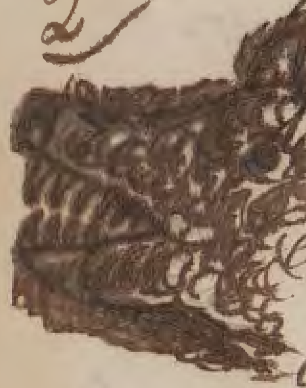
it sheath and all down the throat of the monster, this unceremonious mouthful rather dampened the ardour of Bruin and gave the 2nd mate an opportunity to get his lance when the bear siezed it and twisted it as tho' it had been made of whalebone. Both parties now entered fully into the merits of the case and no time was lost on either side, hair, harpoons and lances flying in every direction, ~~with~~ and jaws, paws and teeth in constant ~~together~~ * Bruin unable to sustain the unequal contest sunk exhausted dying game to the last, had he succeeded in getting into the boat or capsizing her he might have went off victorious as the other boats would have had occupation enough in picking up the crew and taking care of the boat to have meddled with him but alas the God of battles was against him and ~~poor~~ Bruin was slain ~~has fallen~~. The crew then skinned him, cut off his penis, quartered him

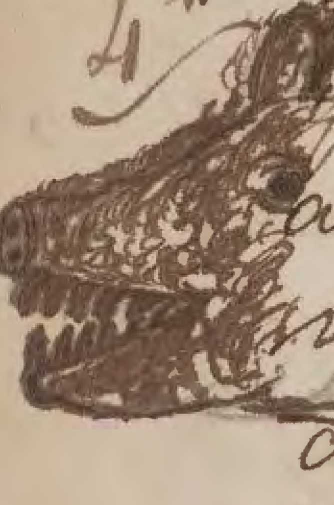
* At this critical moment when victory appeared doubtful the 4th mate not ~~yet~~ having fastened to his bear as yet pulled up and attacked him in the rear fastening to him, and commenced lancing him, which soon put an end to the conflict

2nd in about the same shape a butcher would dress a bullock for market, and



brought him on board. The 4th mate also fastened to one his boatsteerer putting an iron directly through him, and a lance being given him, he was killed without having time to show fight, and was towed on board in that condition When hoisted on deck we had a fair opportunity to examine him, he was

4th of the size of an ordinary ~~cow~~ bullock, weighing at least 800 lbs when dressed their skins covered the main hatches hanging down on deck



and when it is taken into consideration that the ship is nearly 600 tons burden some idea can be formed of their size. The mate and his boats crew did not get fast to any altho attacking 9 of them on shore and endeavoring to force them into the water wounding one

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of them so severely that whenever he stopped the snow about him was dyed with his blood both of the bears taken were males of the large white polar ~~bear~~ species. they saw 12 of them in the short time they were a shore and there is no doubt the island is filled with them. they also killed a number of walrus but did not bring any to the ship. It was said that the crew of the Gladiator~~s~~ after eating of this species of bear had all the skin peel off their faces, and as we had no idea of having our physiognomy peeled in this cold climate we did not keep ~~it~~ the flesh we however concluded to have one good meal off it; peel or no peel and lined our inner man to our hearts content with sirloin steaks and liver. the meat was very sweet and the liver superior to any thing of the kind we ever ate.

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During the night there were strong premonitory symptoms of sickness in the ship's company, and nearly every individual was complaining of severe pains in the head accompanied with nausea at the stomach, not only those who partook of the bear but those who did not. Some of the crew were affected with sick head ache, as soon as they neared the shore, which they attributed to the stench from the island, which they said was intolerable the shores and beaches covered with walrus the rocks lined with millions upon millions of wild ducks, whilst hundreds of over grown white bears perambulate the entire island, whether this cause or a plentiful supper of the bear, floored us, we know not, but this much we can vouch for, we never in the whole

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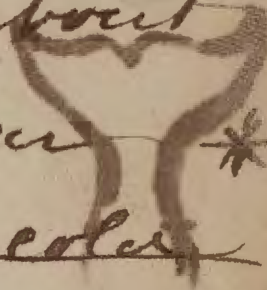
course of our life had such an almighty stirring up as we experienced for about 18 hours after partaking of that bear*  ~~the very thoughts of which brings a cold chill over us~~. Remainder of the day light breezes from S.S.W. heading W.

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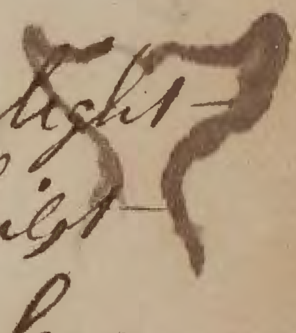

Tuesday July 15th. Begins with light breezes from S.S.W. heading W. whilst engaged at dinner the cry was heard bowheads in sight, a general rush from the dinner table was the consequence and behold it was true enough, no less than 14 bowheads were in sight all four boats were lowered and in a short time the 2nd mate fastened to a large bull which was killed by the third mate, the 4th mate also

* And we think we can now define to the very letter the vulgar phrase "sick of death and can't find your trowsers" viz eating polar bear.

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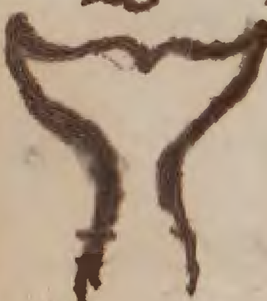
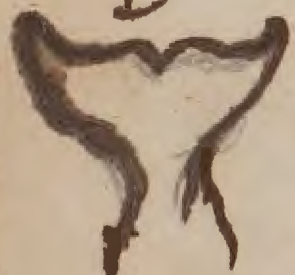
S 2nd fastened to a monster cow: which was killed by the mate. the boats were a long distance off and as it had every appearance of fog setting in. it looked very doubtful whether we would get either of them. At 7 the fog sets in, in fog squally lighting up



S 4th occasionally. at 11 P.M we had one alongside at 4 A.M. the other when all hands excepting two or three turned in to enjoy a few hours of repose previous to cutting At 7 A.M. commenced cutting wind out from the Westward and foggy. remainder of the day cutting



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Wednesday July 16th Begins with foggy weather and a westerly wind all hands employed in cutting at 8 P.M finished cutting and from the quantity of blubber they made we think they will turn out at least 400 barrels. also a whale whilst we were cutting. at 9 the watch was set and all hands turned in for six hours sleep except the captain and cabin boy, middle part thick fog wind out from E.N.E. laying with main yard aback larboard tacks on board At 3 A.M all hands were called braced forward and commenced cleaning up decks at 8 started the works, at 10 lighted up a little raised a bow head about 1 mile off lowered the three larboard boats. and whilst they were down a thick fog set in and they lost the run of him and were compelled to come on board at 11 A.M the fog lights up again saw several whales to windward

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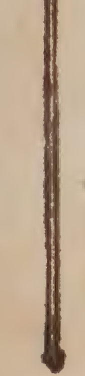

Thursday July, 17th. Begins with good weather and moderate breezes from E.N.E a number of whales to windward and directly ahead going very slowly to leeward edging off to the Southward and Westward the ship heading S. 12 whales were seen on the weather beam and two ahead, before it was time to lower a thick fog set in, at 5 P.M. saw 3 large whales within a quarter of a mile from the ship, the mate lowered and fastened his iron broke and the whale was lost the 2nd and 3rd mate also lowered but the fog being very thick they all came on board again. hauled aback the

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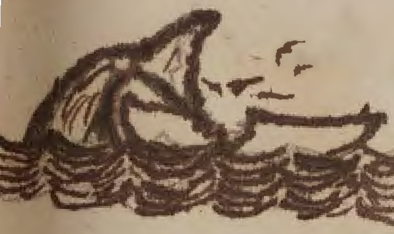
main yard and let her lay, heading N.W by W. the wind having hauled more to the Northward. being well satisfied there are plenty of whales here and at home. should the weather prove at all favorable there is every prospect of our getting a good cut. the watch busily employed in boiling During the night could hear whales blowing all around the ship and occasionally



see them through the thick fog not half a ships length off at 5.30 A.M lights up a little seen two whales within a quarter of a mile from the ship the mate lowered and struck a large one just as he was turning flukes. the boat directly under them it was a fearful sight and we expected to see her dashed to atoms, he gave her a heavy blow staving her badly without injuring the crew. they however held on

until the iron drew the 2nd and 4th mates
also lowered but did not see the whale
again the mate paddled his boat back
to the ship with part of his crew. the
remainder being in one of the other boats
We have struck 25 whales this season
19 of which have been brought to the ship.
one sunk the short warp parted from one
the strap parted from another, the iron
broke in a third and we drew from two
After breakfast saw 6 more whales
at 10 lowered 2nd and 4th mates boats
before they were able to strike th[illegible]..
fog shut in and they lost sight of
them remainder of the day foggy.

Lat. by Obs. 60° 47 N
Long. " Acct 175° — W

Friday July 18th Begins with foggy
weather and a good breeze from S.S.W

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heading W. employed in boiling at 1 P.M
lights up a little raised whales on the
weather beam. lee bow and lee beam
kept her off for those to leeward. At
least 30 bowheads were scattered about
in every direction, the mate and 3rd
mate lowered and in a short time the
mate fastened to a fine bull, the
2nd mate lowered and finally killed
him, when we took him alongside and
let him lay for the night as we had
about 300 barrels of blubber in the blubber
room and lay to with main topsail aback
double reefed, foresail and foretopmast stay
sail, wind fresh from S.S.W. After supper
commenced starting oile from deck into one
of the tanks, also raised a sail astern
under easy sail boiling. Middle part
half a gale of wind from the South
with rain, after breakfast let the

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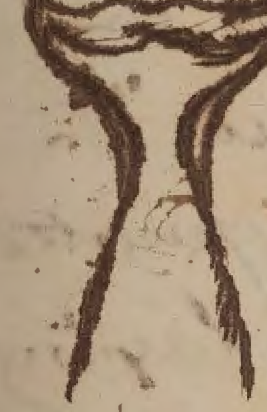
1st



fires go down and wore ship ~~heading to~~ intending to cut in to leeward but after two hours ineffectual trial gave it up and started the works again, remainder of the day the weather no better

Lat. by Acct 60 » 53 N
Long. " Do. 175 » — W

Saturday 19th Begins with half a gale of wind from the Southward with a rain storm. the works in full operation and the whale we took last still laying alongside. unable yet to cut him in on account of the rugged weather, altho' we are in hopes that the weather will moderate in time for us to save him he will make from 150 to 200 barrels of oil and to lose him would be a serious loss to us. middle part wind moderates and finally terminates in a dead calm with thick fog. at 6 A. M commenced cutting and after a great deal of labor and trouble succeeded in saving the whole of him much to our satisfaction

Lat by Obs 61" 14 N.
Long " Chron 174.39 W

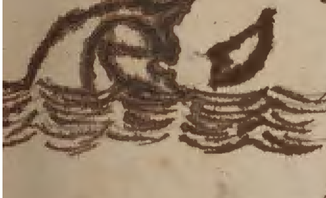
Sunday July 20th Begins with light airs from N. N. E and foggy employed in boiling have not seen a whale the last 24 hours and from our observations find we are about 20 miles due North of the whales, having drifted that distance whilst laying by our whale. it appears there is a spot here about 8 miles in width from N. to S. and 15 or 20 miles in ~~width~~ length from E. to W. of a light green colour, filled with dark brownish sea nettles or sun galls upon ~~the~~ which the whales feed and there is any quantity of whales there and there is no question - but there has been great whaling there for the last month and few if any ships on the ground to take them; the wind also freshens up and bids fair to be another rugged spell we are all right however with plenty of blubber for the next 36 hours when we shall have 4 or 500 barrels to stow down. middle part foggy. at 6 A M. struck the green water in half an hour raised whales lowered for them but did not strike, remainder of the day fog squalls and wind out N. N. W

Lat by Obs 60.58 N
Long. " Chron 175. 3 W

Monday July 21st. Begins with rugged weather wind N. N. W heading to the Westward employed in boiling raised bow heads and right whale together lowered two boats, but could not strike, the fog shutting in so that we could not keep the run of them. clearing up and setting in foggy by spells all the afternoon. middle part weather constantly growing better at breakfast time beautiful weather and plenty of whales in sight. finished boiling and commenced stowing down then lowered all four boats

Lat. by Acct 60.56 N
Long " Do 175.- W

Tuesday July, 22nd Begins with fine weather and plenty of whales the boats all in chase. the mate fastened when the whale went to the bottom and rolled the iron out. the 2nd mate fastened when the whale struck and cut his boat in two pieces, striking three times, luckily without injuring the crew.



middle part half a gale of wind from the Southward with rugged weather remainder of the day the same

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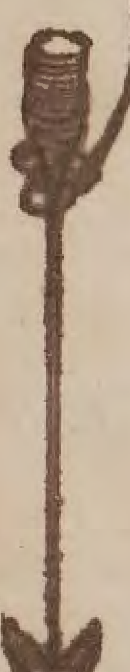

Wednesday July 23rd Begins with half a gale of wind from S.S.E laying with main yard aback, busily engaged in stowing down saw one bow head going very fast to the Southward, also saw a ship to leeward of us under easy sail boiling middle part foggy and wind moderating. at 4 A.M raised whales the mate and 3rd mate lowered, in a short time 50 whales were in sight bowheads, straight heads, and right whales, in fact there were altogether too many whales in sight, when the boats started to pull after one whale another

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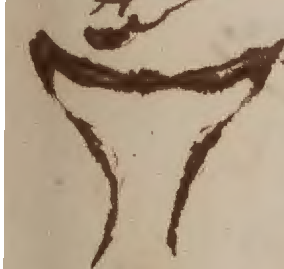
would come up near him and draw his attention off the one he was in pursuit of when he would start for him when up would pop another continually baffling them, the mate finally fastened to a large cow. she went to the bottom and commenced rolling and rolled out both irons losing her, the 3rd and 4th mates lowered and the 4th mate fastened to a large straight head. killed by the boat steerer's iron, after part cutting in with beautiful weather

4th



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Thursday July 24th Begins with fine weather and finely cutting in the fattest whale and the thickest blubber of any whale this season, also saw the same ship boiling, at 4 P. M. finished cutting braced forward and stood S. W. with the wind E.

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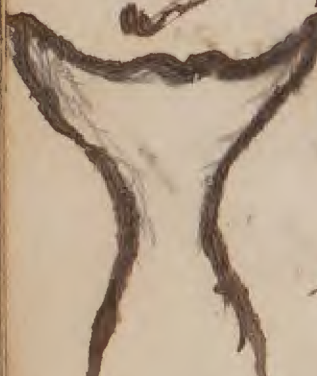

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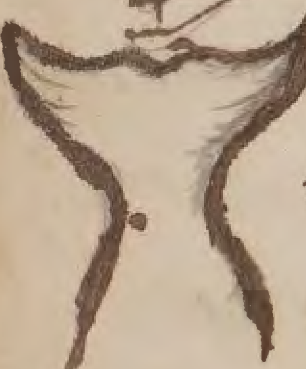

also started the works. middle part foggy wind stile from the Eastward hauled aback the main yard and laid so throughout the night. After breakfast fog lights up braced forward wore ship and stood to the Northward in an hour found ourselves in among plenty of whales blowing in every direction slacked down the fires and lowered all four boats the first and 4th mates both fastened the boatsteerer of the mate killed his whale. and the 2nd mate killed the 4th mates whale remainder of the day working up to the whales

Lat. by Obs 61.01 N
Long " Acct 175.10 W

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Friday July 25th Begins with foggy weather and light winds from the Eastward the boats all down and fast to the two whales. at 3 P.M. took the mates whale alongside and at 5 the 4th mates, took dinner and commenced cutting in at 11 P.M. finished one whale when all hands turned in. also commenced raining middle part foggy with rain at an early commenced on the other whale heaving in the head. throat and lips leaving the body alongside, being completely blubber logged also started the works remainder of the day thick fog

saw plenty of whales

Lat by Acct 61.10 N
Long " Do 175.20 W

Saturday July 26th Begins with foggy weather and light winds from the Eastward employed in boiling. at 5 hove in the body with plenty of blubber on deck, we have now rising 400 barrels of blubber in the blubber room sufficient to employ us the next 4 days so that should it remain foggy that length of time it will not annoy us in the least, At 6 P.M. furled fore and mizen topsails. and double reefed the main then wore ship heading to the Southward and let her ~~drift~~ During the night thick fog. wind hauls to the Southward. ship heading to the Westward. heard whales spout several times at no great distance from the ship. after part the fog lights up saw seven or eight whales but as we had plenty of business on hand concluded not to trouble them whaleships to day also commenced stowing down

Lat by Obs 61-34 N
Long " Chron 176 - W

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Sunday July 27th. Begins with fine weather, boiling and stowing; wind out from the Westward wore ship heading S. S. E. saw one whale but was too busy to lower for him, the oil making very fast from the works, so that it is with the utmost difficulty we can get casks ready to fill and there is strong fear that we shall have to cool down during the day on that account, if we do whilst they are setting up casks we shall be enabled to take one or two more whales. At 8 P. M. saw whales within a mile of the ship but as the watch was turned in and the works in full motion did not lower middle part wind and weather the same also saw one ship boiling

Lat by Acct 61 " 15 N
Long " Do 175 - 30 W

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Monday July 28th Begins with foggy weather and light winds from S.W. wore ship heading W.N.W. the crew employed in boiling and stowing down. the same ship in sight that we have seen nearly every day since we have been here and we presume the only one here excepting ourselves and she too is boiling. neither ship as yet has had time to speak the other and perhaps will not altho sometimes within 3 or 4 miles of each other, having just now something else of more importance to attend to middle part wind hauls to S.E. and rain sets in after part wind and weather the same, no whales in sight these 24 hours

Lat by Acct 61.18 N
Long " Do 175.45

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Tuesday July 29th. Begins with a rain storm and the wind S.E. heading S.S.W. the crew employed in boiling and stowing down our last six whales making us 900 barrels of oil, one more such lift within one or two spare ones will send us home and as we have the entire month of August to pick them up in, we feel quite sanguine in filling up, all we ask is to see the whales. and if we do not render a good account for our time no other ship on the ground will and that is saying a great deal; there is however more truth in it than poetry. 6-7 wore ship heading N.N.E., middle part winds freshing with rain after wind hauls to N.E. and blows a gale, finished boiling

Lat by Acct 61.40 N
Long " D° 176.20 W

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Wednesday July 30th. Begins with a gale of wind from N. E. heading N. N. W with 400 barrels of oil and water on deck besides any quantity of slush and other trumpery, rather an uncomfortable situation to ride out a gale of wind, the ship however lays very easy and behaves beautifully and to make matters worse it rains with a thick fog. middle part wind moderates and weather grows better after part the same the crew employed in stowing down no whales in sight

Lat by Acct 61.50 N
Long " D° 177.— W

Thursday July 31st Begins with thick foggy weather and rain the crew employed in stowing down

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wind out E. S. E. starboard tacks on board at 7 P.M finished stowing off fore hold, the main-hold already stowed and 70 barrels only wanting to fill the lower hold to the forward part of the after hatchs and we have 240 barrels left to do it with at 8 P.M begins to breeze up again quite fresh with every appearance of another gale of wind brewing for us to finish out the month middle and after parts rugged weather stowing down in after hatch, no whales in sight to day

Lat by Obs 62.23 N
Long " Chron 178. 8 W

Friday August 1st Begins with foggy weather wind N.E. heading N.N.W. the crew engaged in stowing down the weather moderating, but a rugged sea on and a cold disagreeable air stirring. middle part wind and increases with fog and rain at 12 wore ship heading E. after part half a gale of wind with fog and rain, no whales seen these 24 hours

Lat by Acct 62 . 25 N
Long " D° 177 . 30 W

Saturday August 2nd Begins with fog, rain and wind from N.E. heading E.S.E. during the afternoon the wind moderates and the sea runs down considerablly but the rain holds on at 5 P.M. wore ship N. by W. middle part foggy with rain set flying jib and fore and main topgallant sails at 8 A.M. wore ship heading E.S.E. weather about the same. no whales in sight these 24 hours

Lat by Acct 62.30N
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Sunday August 3rd. Begins with a N.E rain storm and cold foggy disagreeable weather heading E.S.E. in hopes of being able to morrow to reach the ground where we took our last whales, so that if it ever clears up again we stand some chance of being among whales, since if the weather is as bad in the Arctic as it is here which we have every reason to believe is the case the large fleet assembled there will find plenty of occupation this foggy weather to keep clear of the land, and each other, without stopping to think of whales. middle part wind and weather the same at 8 A.M. wore ship heading N. set topgallant sails flying jib and mainsail, after part fog lights up no whales

Lat. by Obs. at 2:30 P.M 62"23 N
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Monday August 4th Begins with cloudy weather and occasional fog squalls. with a 5 knot breeze from E.N.E. heading N. making now the best of our way for Behring's St and the Arctic Ocean, where we presume all the fleet are, we think however had we continued the course we were on this morning before we tacked ship we would before this been on the ground where we took our last 6 whales and in all probability would have had another alongside before this, as we have not the least doubt, there are plenty of whales there this moment, as they appeared perfectly at home, surrounded on all sides with an abundance of feed, this afternoon saw two fin backs the first spout we have seen for several days. At 6 P.M the breeze freshing to a 7 knot breeze with every appearance of continuing throughout the night at midnight hauled aback the main yard and let her lay at 8 A.M braced forward thick fog tacked ship several times off and on the land also raised a ship two points on our weather bow three miles off hauled aback the main yard and waited for her to come down

Lat. by Acct. 63 " 20 N
Long " Do 176 " 30 W

Tuesday August 5th Begins with foggy weather and moderate breezes from E.N.E heading N. with main yard aback waiting for the ship to come down at 30 minutes past meridian she spoke us and proved to be the Washington of Segharbor 700 barrels had taken nothing since we saw her the 15th June last. she was direct from the Arctic Ocean the fleet there had done nothing the Straits on both sides was lined with ships waiting for the ice to break up and at the upper cape 21 sail were laying at anchor, she went up to 68° North there the ice formed a solid mass of ice across the entire ocean and bids fair to remain so, and that there were at least 50 ships up there without a drop of oil this season, she left the 26th July and up to that time three more ships were lost viz the Cosmopolite of Havre, the last ship spoke previous to the one to day the Arabella of New Bedford and the Henry Thompson of New London making in all 5 ships wrecked so far this season. the Armada has

had a fracas with the natives. as far as
we could learn the ship was laying at
anchor in the ice and part of the crew
were absent. when the natives came on board
and by so means found access to the liquor,
which made them perfectly wild and
when the remainder of the crew came
on board, they detected them pilfering.
X when one of the crew in attempting to
wrest some pilfered article from one of
the natives when he turned upon him
and stabbed him causing his death
the crew then fell upon them and
killed 13 of them and as we were informed
fastening to them in their boats and
dragging them out by the ivory. should any
vessel now be unfortunately thrown ashore
there is no doubt a spirit of retaliation
would prompt them to a general massacre
such things are surely to be deplored

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We have heard by this ship from the Marcia one whale since we saw her last. the Gladiator one humpback since she was reported had struck 21 but saved only one. the Braganza nothing more since last heard from the Ocmulgee had run into the Ontario of Sagharbor and both ships were badly damaged before they could be separated, the China had sailed for home full having wrecked the Cosmopolite and taken her oil about 2000 barrels. we do not believe the Arctic fleet will average 5 whales even if the sea should become clear of ice and afford them an opportunity to whale it. their case is a gloomy one and almost a hopeless one for this season. At 3 P. M braced forward then wore ship heading S. E. when

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the ships parted company, the Washington standing to the Northward intending to have another heat at bucking the ice During the afternoon the wind constantly moderating at 7 P.M nearly calm, we now have strong hopes of a change in the weather for better as the moon quartered this afternoon, and the wind has been from the Eastward since the change accompanied with rain and constant fog. We have since learned that the Armata was on a reef at the time she had the fracas with the natives and that it was in the confusion incident to such a calamity, that the natives had access to the liquor store and commenced plundering, the ship is a total loss swelling the number of lost vessels this season to 6 she belonged to New London being the 2d ship lost this season ~~belonging~~ from to that port middle part fog continues nearly calm at 3 A.M. one of the crew saw a whale turn flukes. immediately luffed up to the wind heading E.N.E. but did not see any thing more of the whale. At 7 A.M wore ship ~~to~~ steering S.S.E. the wind having hauled to the Westward, remainder of the day the fog lights up

Lat by Ob. 63 " 05 N
Long " Acct 176 " – W

Wednesday. August 6th. Begins with light breezes from the Westward steering S.S.E. to the place where we took our last whales in hopes of finding the pod we left there, should we prove successful we will make up for lost time a light rain also sets in with a much better horizon than we have had for these several days past. Every countenance

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on board ship looks cheerful since the ship's head has been turned to the Southward and all are full of hope and expectation of a full ship, and ~~all~~ stand ready to spring to their posts the instant the joyful cry is heard from aloft "there she blows" middle part almost calm after part fine weather and calm—

Lat by Obs 62.31 N
Long " Chron 175.18 W

Thursday August 7th Begins with calm weather, and a bright warm sun the first summer day we have had these two months and suppose this is only a weather breeder the forerunner of a gale of wind, a little light air from the S.E. about a one knot breeze the sea is smooth as the surface of a polished mirror without a ripple we also begin to see plenty sea nettles but as yet no whales, we are however still 90 miles to the northward of where we took our last whales, and we firmly believe we shall yet find them there when we get on the ground, middle part calm and clear, after part the same

Lat. by Obs. 62.23 N
Long. " Acct. 175.30 W

Friday August 8th. Begins with light airs from the Southward and fine weather wore ship heading back again to the Northward, it is to be hoped this time we will keep going until we find whales or buck up against the North Pole as for the last fortnight we have been going just exactly no where one day north and the next south, the third a dead calm, and the 4th a thick fog and so on to the end of the chapter, not having been yet within 60 miles of where we got our laſt whale, and left them there in abundance, the season too is drawing faſt to a close and time preſſes, so that what is to be done muſt be done quickly, we hope that we may find whales in abundance if we do we shall be all right, if we do not we shall not only make a flunk of it this month, but be skunked to all intents and purpoſes for the month of Auguſt, during the afternoon breezing up from the S. W and a rain storm sets in with fog, course N. N. E. middle part thick fog and rain after part the same

Lat. by Acct 64.30 N
Long " Do 173.30 W

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Saturday August 9 Begins with half a gale of wind from N.E. heading N.N.W accompanied with rain doubl-reefed the topsails furled topgallant sails mainsail and flying jib the wind hauling to the Northward we have been blessed with head winds this last fortnight. go which way we would South or North and start with a fair wind in 6 hours time it would be in our teeth with thick fog heading us off which ever way we stood at 4 lighted up a little saw the land about 25 miles off being main land toward the entrance of the Straits also raised two ships heading the same way we were wore ship heading N.N.E. and shook the reefs out of the main topsail the wind constantly moderating but still raining, during the afternoon saw any quantity of humpbacks and mud diggers turning flukes close to the ship, we tried hard but was unable to transmografy one of them into a bow head, at 7 P. M wind light from N. W. middle part fresh breezes with rain at an early hour 6 sail were ~~seen~~ in sight from mast head all heading through the Straits, presume they are ships which have been up in the Arctic and not finding whales came back again to cruise in the Sea of Anadir and off Cape Thaddeus until the ice should recede further north, as the Washington of Sagharbor the ship we last spoke saw 17 sail at once coming out of the straits the ice then was solid in the Arctic at 68° North Latitude. At 6 A. M. nearly calm at 8

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a good breeze steering N. by W. We are now fairly in the Straits and if the breeze continues to morrow will find us in the Arctic Ocean. the shore here presents the same dreary, barren appearance which characterizes this whole coast. the snow still lingers on the tops and in the crevices of the mountains in detached spots whilst summer, if so it may be called is almost gone with scarcely one day as pleasant as our March weather at home During the forenoon spoke the Lagoda of New Bedford 300 bbls sperm 400 whale nothing this season, she had been in the ice and had lost her cutwater when she put into Port Clarence and repaired damages. two of the English discovery ships were in there, one the

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Plover had lost one of her Lieutenants
and an interpreter killed by the natives
she also reported the loss of three more
whale ships, (making nine this season)
viz the Solomon Soltis of Fall River
went ashore on the Fox Islands. the
America of New Bedford, she was
boiling in the third mates watch
and struck a large cake of ice very
solid. the pumps were tried instantly
but no water was found. the next day
two of the boats were down in pursuit
of whales when she struck another small
cake in the same place, but nothing
was thought of it, in a short time the
steward having occasion to go down in
the cabin found the water pouring up
through the run, in two hours after she
filled and fell over on her side
and as we were informed was sold in

that condition to the master of another whale ship for 50 dollars who commenced forthwith to wreck her. The Mary Mitchell of Nantucket, she was stove in by the ice whilst laying at anchor at St. Lawrence island and immediately sunk.

We have also heard from the Sheffield Captn. Roys who figured so largely in the columns of the Friend some two years since, he had sent home most of the oil he obtained last season from by Hong Kong, and expended some 20,000$ on his vessel intending to astonish not only the whaling fleet but the world with his exploits this season, he has been reported with 500 "what think you" sperm oil, no. whale oil no. hump back or scrag oil. no but 500 bona fide codfish about two wheel barrow loads *Prodigious*

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The remainder of the day clear beautiful weather with a good breeze from W. N W. steering N. by E.

Lat. by Obs 64"29 N
Long " Chro. 171.46 W

Sunday August 10th. Begins with beautiful weather and moderate breeze from W. N. W. steering N. b. E. saw a number of ships heading the same way, middle part weather and wind the same at 1/2 past 4 A. M. a thick fog sets in hauled up on the wind heading E. S. E off shore the land having been plain in sight all the morning St Lawrence bay some 6 or 8 miles distant in an hours time it lights up a little kept her off again five sail in sight in company with ry, spoke one of them the Ocmulgee of Holmes Hole 5 whales this season 650 barrels in all including about 100 of sperm remainder of the day thick fog with strong breeze from the S.S.W.

Lat. by Acct 66..10 N
Long " Do. 170..00 W

Monday August 11th Begins with a thick fog with wind from the S.W steering N. by E. raised a sail close to on the wind spoke her and she proved to be the Prudent of Stonington one whale since we saw her last being 2 in all heading 250 barrels, she was direct from the Arctic coming out this morning, and she gave a gloomy picture of the fleet there nothing at all had been done in

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that sea this season, she saw
12 ships come out day before yesterday,
among which was the Wm Hamilton
but one whale this season, the Arctic
had been pretty well cruised over as
high up as 72°.20 North to the ice
without seeing anything, and they
have abandoned the sea in despair
having sacrificed the season in chasing
a phantom, three long weary months
have some ships worn away in constant
proximity to the ice following it up
as it gradually receded to the North
in the vain hope of finding whales
because in moderate seasons large numbers ~~quantit~~ s
of whales have been seen here and much
oil has been taken, the past winter of
uncommon severity, the vast quantities of ice
which constantly met the eye in every
direction, the evidence of their own senses

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all, all were disregarded, a wild infatuation appeared to take possession of them all like the morus multicaulis or mulberry mania some 15 years since, blindly and madly they pushed to the North urging each other on, through ice and all kinds of weather until the Arctic, the darling of their thoughts was reached, here a cruel~~st~~ and bitter disappointment awaited them, not a whale has been taken after all their toils ~~and~~ troubles and privations, and enormous sacrifice of time being compelled virtually to abandon their ghost in dispair, This season has been a total failure, and the most disastrous one on the records of the whaling fleet, not only in a pecuniary point of view, to all interested, but the great sacrifice of property in the number of lost ships, amounting at a rough

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estimate to over a quarter of a million of dollars. We have ~~also~~ just heard of another ship the Phoenix of New London supposed to be lost with her entire crew, she was entangled in the ice and a gale of wind coming on it is feared she was crushed to pieces by the huge masses with which she was surrounded. the Arabella and the Henry Thompson were in the ice at the same time both ships were lost but the crews were saved. the Phoenix was 8 miles further in the ice than either of the above ships and has not been seen since upwards of a month, the fog setting in thicker we were compelled to luff up to the wind being now in a precarious situation the land on one side but a few miles off on the other rocks with a thick fog

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compelling us to make short tacks to avoid the one ~~&~~ and the other, unacquainted with the current places us in the most disagreeable position we have been in this voyage, however we keep the lead going and have an anchor ready to let go at a moments warning but with a strict watch kept, we trust we may yet come off unscathed We have also heard to day from the Charly Phelps one more whale since we seen her. the Cincinnatti nothin this season the Constitution do. middle part the fog thicker than ever kept tacking and kept the lead agoing at 3 A.M lights up seen the land some 5 miles distant on on our lee beam, after part lights up occasionally

Lat. by Death Obs 65.4 N
Long. " Chron 170.30

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Tuesday August 12th Begins with foggy weather and light airs from the Southward the land in sight at intervals five miles distant with ships sprinkled along at anchor close in the land being very high and bold considerable snow on their summits some 8 or 9 ships in sight under sail at 4 P. M. spoke the Condor of New Bedford hailing 900 barrels 5 whales this season she had spoken the Gideon Howland nothing since we saw her, she had missed the whales we were among off Bear Island altho she was plain in sight at the time, she passed on without seeing a spout of any kind., at 6 P. M. saw something of the seal ~~kind~~ species different from any thing of the kind we ever saw, it had a head resembling an Africans or one of the human species and a hump or ridge on its back. it came up several times within a ships length of us looking at us attentively a minute or two at a a time then disappeared altogether we did not know but we had finally run foul of a mermaid, but as it did not turn flukes we could not decide the question, therefore we are not quite positive of its being one, at sun down a dead calm, we are from but a short distance from the Arctic and if the calm continues through the night we will be in there by morning, presume we were in there last night when we comm. beating at 10 P.M. a breeze springs up from the Northward and keeps freshening throughout the night saw plenty of ships some of them at

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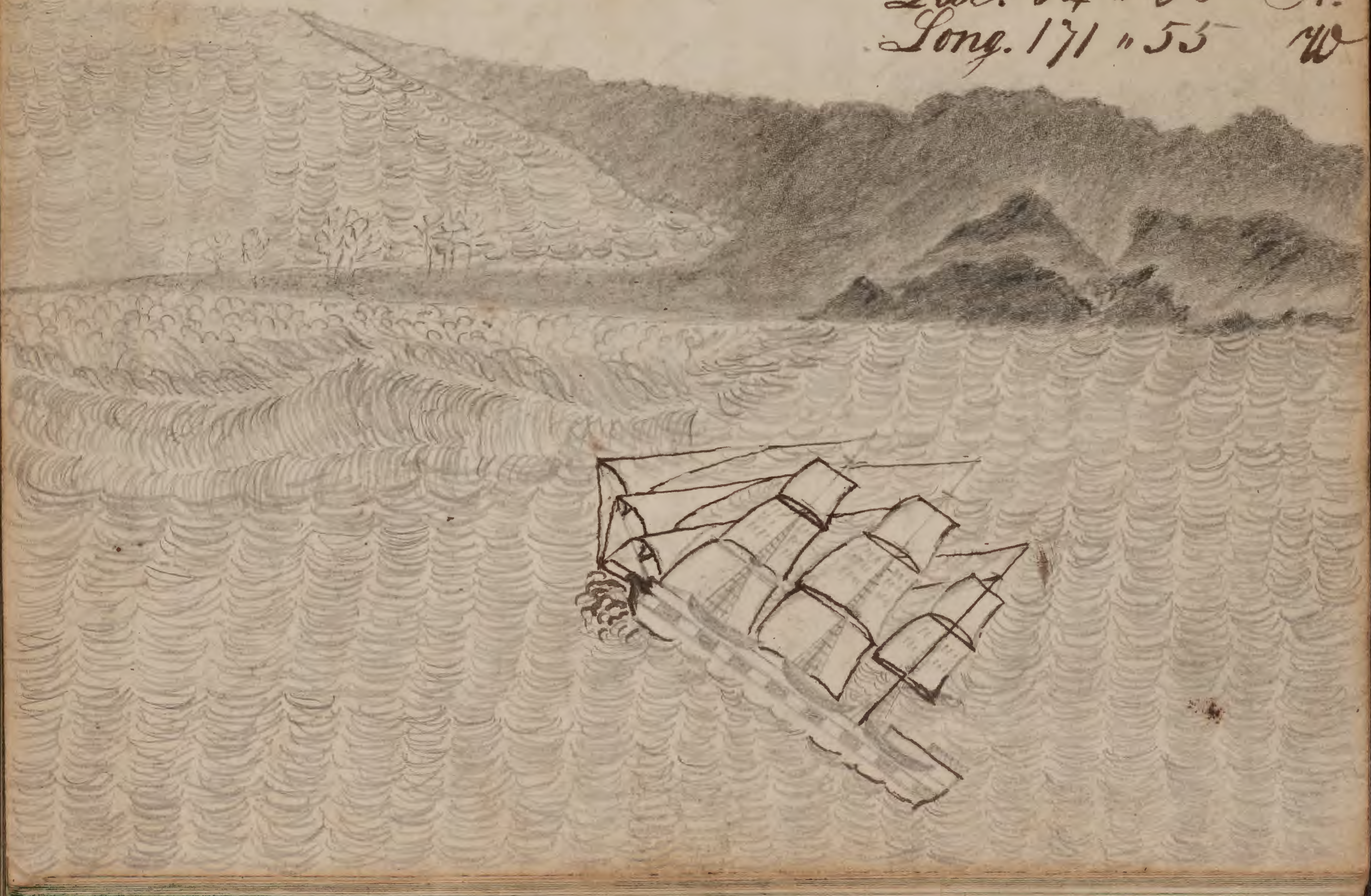
ancher scattered all along the Straits
at 8 A.M. spoke the French Ship
Oceanic of Anvers she was laying at
ancher had seen one whale yesterday
the rain also set in with every appearance
of a gale of wind steering South with
a 6 knot breeze. At 10 A.M. seen land
close on board which proved to be Cape
Chaplin one of the most dangerous places
we have ever seen and by far the worst
in the whole route up to the Arctic. it
was here the French ship Cosmopolite
was lost whilst steering a course. it is a
long low cape extending out into the
sea some 4 or 5 miles further than laid
down on the chart and in any kind of
thick weather can not be seen in day
time over two miles. the first which will
be discovered there will be a narrow
white streak close to the horizon being a

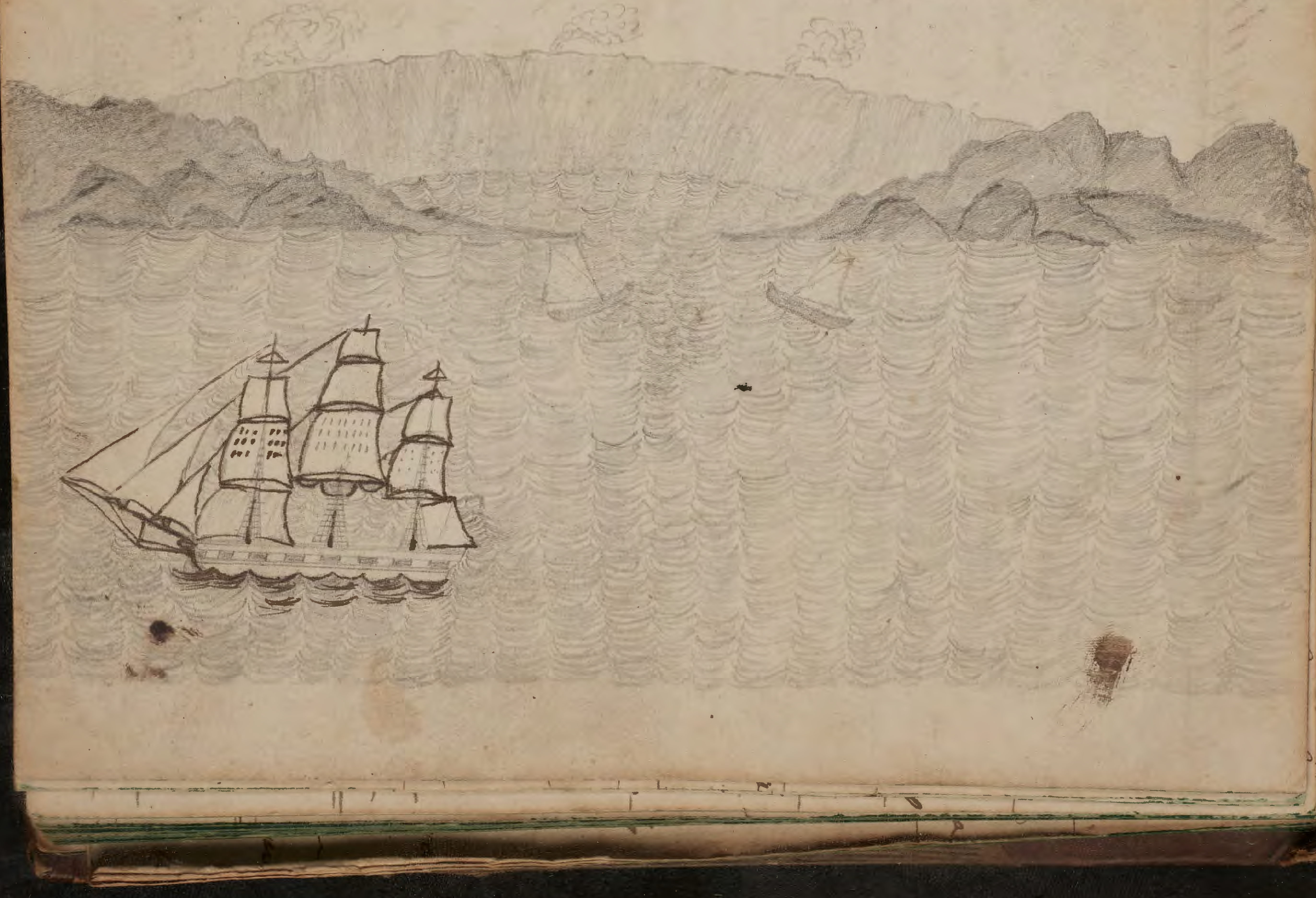
View of Cape Chaplin a long low sand spit extending out 10 miles in the sea, the most dangerous place on the whole rout to the Arctic Ocean

Lat. 64 " 38 N.
Long. 171 " 55 W



View of an extinct crater on the Island of St. Pauls in the Indian Ocean

Lat. 37 " 52 South
Long. 77 " 52 East



1851 Off the Sea of Anadir

line of breakers, before the land is visible and woe to the ship which passes there in the night - giving the land a birth of only 5 or 6 miles, it will surely bring her up toward the extremity are 7 or 8 clusters of low trees looking a short distance off like ships at anchor, and we should not be in the least surprised if more ships are lost there this season, as the fleet are hurrying out of the Arctic and they almost invariably follow that shore or the Asiatic side down we had to luff up some 5 or 6 points to clear and at 1/2 past 11 were past it remainder of the day foggy with rain and strong breeze from N. E. steering S.

Lat. by Acct. 64 " 20 N
Long. " D: 172 " 10 W

1851 Off the Sea of Anadir

Wednesday August 13th Begins with a N. E. rain storm and foggy weather steering S. S. W. Whilst at dinner we heard considerable noise on deck and the cry of a bow-head, the table was instantly deserted, every individual hurrying on deck as fast as his understanding could carry him, when sure enough there was a noble bow-head the first we had seen this fortnight booming North with the speed of an Eclipse Colt, bound to the Frozen Ocean the ship was immediately luffed to the wind and every eye on the look out to have another sight at previous to lowering, but after waiting some time and not seeing him again the ship was kept off on her course during the afternoon the wind gradually moderating as well as the rain, and the fog becoming thicker middle part, fog and rain at 9 P.M hauled aback the fore yard heading toward the land at 10 a ship was seen 4 points on our weather bow standing down directly toward us apparently not seeing us wore ship immediately to prevent being run into. then hauled aback the main yard at 11 wore ship again heading in toward the land, at 1/2 past 3 A. M. braced forward and stood a along the land plain in sight about 15 miles distant remainder of the day the weather growing better

Lat. by Acct 64.10 N
Long. " Do 175.30 W

Thursday August 14th Begins with cloudy weather and strong breezes from the Eastward steering S. W. crossing the sea of Anadir on our way down

toward Behring Island in hopes
if we do not fall in with bow heads
before we reach there to find some of
these large Kamschatka right whales
which generally frequent there, 4 or 5
which would make us as much oil
as we would want. During the night
strong breeze from E. to E.S.E. steering S.S.W
at 4 A.M. thick fog sets in hauled up
the courses took in topgallant sails and
flying jib then luffed up to the wind
heading South in an hour lights up
a little kept her off on her course
remainder of the day wind moderate
and foggy hauled her up to South
set topgallant sails and flying jib
with courses steering S. the water
also being discolored. ~~wt~~ and plenty
of ducks in sight around the ship

Lat by Acct 62"25 N
Long " D° 179"30 W

1851 In the Sea of Kamschatka

Friday August 15th Begins with thick foggy weather and moderate breezes from E.S.E. steering South suppose we are now between Capes St Thomas an Navarin too foggy to see over one mile with a sharp look out constantly kept on each bow. middle part fog continues at 11 ship heads up S.S.E. after part wind hauls to the N.E

Lat by Acct 61.10 N
Long " D: 179.40 W

Saturday August 16th Begins with thick foggy weather and light breezes from N.N.E. heading up E. and E.by S at 2 P.M. lights up a little saw a ship on our weather beam standing to the Southward, at first we thoug she was boiling but the weather being so thick was not positive of it. she also saw us and stood directly for us but the fog shutting in thick we did not see her again middle part foggy and fresh breezes from N. N. E steering E. S. E. at 11 P. M hauled aback the main yard at 3 braced forward and stood on at 6 lights up a little raised whales ahead which proved to be humpbacks also saw immense numbers of bit birds hove the lead but did not find bottom with 56 fathoms line remainder of the day fine weather

Lat. by Obs 61"20 N
Long " Chron 177"35 W

Sunday August 17th Begins with good weather and strong breezes from N. steering E. S. E. during the afternoon saw plenty of fin backs but no bow heads and the Lord only knows when we will go for ourselves we have given up all hopes until about this time next year, middle part thick fog ~~we~~ laid the main yard aback until morning at 4 resumed her course at 8 A. M. lights up a little remainder of the day clears up with good weather

Lat. by Obs 60" 25 N
Long " Chron 174 . 30 W

Monday August 18th. Begins with good weather and fresh breezes from N. W. steering S. S. W. at 2 hauled her up S. W. by S. directing our course toward Behrings island in hopes of falling in with right whales our time is now growing short, and what is done must be done quickly

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during the night strong breezes from N. W. to W. N. W steering S. W. by S. during the middle watch hauled aback the main yard and let her lay during the watch. remainder of the day wind and weather the same

Lat. by Obs 58.53 N
Long " Chron 177.59 W

Tuesday August 19th. Begins with fresh breezes from W. N. W steering full and by during the afternoon occasional fog squalls, during ~~the afternoo~~ the night wind keeps hauling to the Westward heading South and very fresh at 6 A. M almost calm at 8 a. M. tacked ship heading W. N. W. the weather very cold and chilly for the season worse than in the Straits remainder of the day wind & hauling to the Southward heading W.

Lat by Obs. 57.35 N.
Long " Chron. 179.59 E.

Wednesday August 20th Begins with moderate breezes from the Southward heading W. by S. during the afternoon hauls to S.S.E the ship heading her course S.W. by W. to Behrings island which we hope to reach by Friday night if the wind continues as it is. middle part strong winds from S.E. with fog and rain after part wind gradually hauling to the Eastward rain ceases but the fog continues

Lat by Acct 57 . " N
Long " D.o 175 " 30 E

1851 In the Sea of Kamschatka

Thursday August 21st Begins with foggy weather and strong breezes from E.N.E steering S.W. by W. during the afternoon saw quite a number of birds causing the ground to appear livelier than it has for two or three days past. at 6 P.M. wind hauls to N.E. and the fog clears up middle part wind hauls to the Northward after part constantly hauling to the Westward the ship heading at noon S. and S.S.E.

Lat by Obs 56.12 N
Long " Chro 172.15 E.

Friday August 22nd Begins with fresh breezes from W.S.W. heading South saw several fin backs at 6 P.M tacked ship heading W.N.W. the wind hauling to S.W.

middle part wind freshening and hauls to the Southward with rain at 5 A. M constantly freshening took in topgallant sails flying jib and double reefed the topsails remainder of the day a gale of wind from the Southward

Lat by Double Alt. 56..06 N
Long " Chron. 168..57 E

Saturday Aug. 23d Begins with a gale of wind from the Southward the wind hauling backward and forward from S. to S.W with rain and fog at 6 P. M the ship heads N. W. afterwards W. tacked ship heading to the Southward during the first watch coming up to S. W. middle part wind light and baffling after part wind

dies away almost to a calm at 6 A.M
a breeze springs up from W.N.W.
and weather clears up beautifully
at 11 A.M. made copper island
4 points on our lee bow 40 miles
off remainder of the day pleasant

Lat. by Obs 55.47 N
Long. " Chron 167.33 E

Sunday August 24th. Begins with beautiful weather and moderate breeze from N.W. steering toward the North end of Copper island now plain in sight during the afternoon saw several fin backs at 4 P.M raised Behrings island on our weather bow and ahead luffed up and directed our course thither which we expect to reach during the night when we will give the codfish a small trial, a few of which would come very acceptable about these times, and in the morning we will see if there are any whales about the premises, should we not find any I presume our stay will be short and that we will make a straight wake for the Sandwich Islands during the night fresh breeze from N. W. standing in toward the land at 6 A. M hauled aback the fore yard. and tried to fish but without success braced forward squared in the yards and run along the land at 10 A. M raised a right whale the 1st 2nd and 4th mates lowered but did not strike when they came on board the wind constantly increasing double reefed the topsails. remainder of the day

1851 Off Behrings Island

blows a gale of wind

Lat. by Obs 54.52 N
Long " Acct 166.50 E

Monday Aug. 25th Begins with a gale of wind from N.W. running along Bhrings island at 2 P. M rounded to under the South or lee end of the island where it was quite smooth, when the mate lowered and proceeded toward the shore for the purpose of taking some codfish this island being famous for that species of fish at 3 P. M almost a calm at 4 a heavy squall from the Northward with rain and every appearance of bad weather, a signal was ~~then~~ set for the boat to return which she immediately obeyed. As she neared the ship, the ships company put on their best faces covered with smiles and many a mouth was seen to water in sweet anticipation. As the boat neared the ship it was noticed that she looked unusually high out of the water to be loaded with fish, and it was finally concluded that the bottom of the boat must be covered at any rate which would afford two or three good messes all round. nearer and nearer came the boat and heads began to peer over the rail with unusual activity to see who should first catch sight of the fish and report ~~to~~ the glad tidings to the crew. in a few minutes she was alongside her crew dripping wet. but no fish to be seen they reported however that one of the crew had actually hooked a codfish and hauled him up to the surface when he unhooked himself and vamosed. a second had an extraordinary good bite, and a third believed he felt something kind of jog his line once and this was the sum total of the fishing expedition. It was quite a disappointment to us all and the salt junk at supper appeared salter and harder than any we have tasted during the voyage but I presume it was imagination chiefly At 6 P.M. ~~brace~~ squared the yards and steered S.E. by South bound to the Sandwich Islands with a good breeze from the Northward also shook the reefs out of the main top sail and set main top gallant sail middle part strong breeze from N.W made all sail at 7 A.M set fore topmast and main top gallant studding sails also saw a ship on our weather beam under easy sail in a short time she kept off to the S.E remainder of the day wind and weather the same

Lat. by Obs 52.42 N
Long. " Chron 169.9 E

Tuesday August 26th Begins with strong breezes from N.W. steering S.E. by S the crew employed in overhauling our bone weighing and drying it down. the afternoon wind hauls to W.S.W. took in main top gallant studding sail a heavy sea also heavy in on our lee quarter middle part strong breezes from S S.W. took in fore top gallant studding sail heading S.E after part wind hauling and settles at South heading E.S.E the weather also looks quite threatening, we are now in about the worst place in the world for gales of wind, and heavy seas, the wind blowing beyond all belief

Lat. by Obs 50 „ 41 N.
Long. „ Chron 173 „ 20 E.

Wednesday August 27th Begins with rugged weather and strong breezes from S. heading E.S.E. at 6 P.M. rain sets in middle part very rugged blows almost a gale of wind heading E.S.E. double reefed the topsails and took in the jib also rains the ship however behaves admirably after part moderates a little and fog sets in the ship heading up no better

Lat. by Acct 49 „ 20 N
Long. „ Do 177 „ E

1851 In the Pacific Ocean

Thursday August 28th Begins with half a gale of wind from S. S. W. and South heading up E. S. E. but moderating shook out one reef from the topsails also set jib and main top gallant sail during the afternoon heads up S. E. by E. at 5 P. M knocks her off to E. S. E and foggy. middle part calm and rain after part the same

Lat. by Obs 48 . 57 N
Long " Acct 179 . 30 E

Friday August 29th Begins with a dead calm and rain at 3 P. M a light breeze springs up from N. N. W. steering S. E. by E the rain also ceases at 6 hauls to W. and increasing gradually. with every prospect of plenty of it

Bound to the Sandwich Islands

before morning. middle part squally from S.Wd at 5 A.M took in studding sails. remainder of the day wind and weather the same

Lat. by Obs 47„28N
Long. „ Chron 178„7W

Saturday August 30th Begins with strong breeze from S.S.W. Steering S.E. by E. during the afternoon weather moderate a little set topgallant sails at 6 P.M. kept her off E.S.E with quite a heavy head beat sea on. presume it has been blowing here very lately from the S.E. middle part wind the same after part wind constantly moderating and hauls more to the westward set studding sails

Lat. by Obs 45.48N
Long. „ Chron 175.17W

1781 to Maui S.E.by S

1851 In the Pacific Ocean

Sunday August 31st Begins with pleasant weather and light breezes from S.W. steering S.E. by E. at 7 P.M. wind hauls to W.N.W. and dies away almost to a calm with every prospect of being one before morning. one more on the sick list besides the Kanaka with a swelled foot resembling very much a slight touch of the scurvy middle part a light breeze sprung up from the Northward after part gradually freshening to a strong breeze and hauls to the N.E. took in studding sails

1674 miles to Maui
S.E. by S.

Lat. by Obs. 44.36 N
Long " Chron 174.54 W

Monday Sept. 1st Begins with strong breeze from N.N.E. steering S.E. by E. ½ E and breezing up during the afternoon took in top gallant sails. there being a very heavy head sea running. the wind however is hauling gradually to the Northward and we trust by morning to be running four points free. middle and after parts wind and weather the same

Lat by Obs 43.42 N
Long " Acct 173. " W

Tuesday Sept 2nd Begins with strong breezes from N.E. steering S.E. by E during the afternoon wind kept hauling a little to the Eastward middle part wind hauls to E.S.E. heading S. by W. at 5 A.M. tacked ship N.E. after part wind the same crew employed in drying bone

1478 miles to Maui
Course S.E. by S ½ S.

Lat by Obs 44.24 N
Long " Chro 169.47 W

1851 In the Pacific Ocean

Wednesday Sept. 3rd Begins with moderate breeze from E.S.E heading N.E. a heavy head sea still running, the crew still engaged in drying bone ~~at 2 P.M. wore~~ wore ship heading S. by W. the wind moderating a little, middle part wind the same after part no change for the better and no prospect of any for some time to come

Lat by Obs 42"50 N
Long " Chro 171"12 W

Thursday Sept. 4th Begins with a head wind as usual E.S.E. heading up S. and S. by W. the heavy sea beginning to run down, the heavy head beat sea which we have had for the last 4 days has caused the ship to leak unusually, not having any during the voyage until the past week, the 24 hours previous leaking about 2000 strokes, to night however the pump soon sucked her once as the head sea has pretty well run down presume the leak must be in her bows above the water and her constant plunging has forced it into her, middle and after parts wind and weather the same

Lat by Obs. 41.23 N
Long " Chro 172.24 W

Friday Sept 5th Begins with pleasant weather and a head wind from the same old quarter E.S.E. heading S. at 1 P.M tacked ship heading E.N.E. at midnight tacked again the wind hauling back to the old quarter after part wind the same heading S. by W. the crew employed in drying bone

Lat by Obs 41.02 N
Long. " Chron 172.03 W

Saturday Sept. 6th Begins with that same old head wind from E.S.E heading S. by W. to night the ship had leaked 145 strokes in 12 hours there having been little or no head sea so that it is evident the leak is in her bow above water at 7 P.M tacked ship heading E.N.E. middle and after parts wind the same the ship heading from E.N.E. to E. by N. the crew employed in drying bone

Distance to Maui
1415 miles S.E. by S. 1/4 S

Lat by Obs 41.07
Long. " Chron 169.54

1851 Bound to the Sandwich Islands

Sunday Sept 7th Begins with strong breezes from S.E. to S.S.E. heading E.N.E. no prospect yet of a change at 7 P.M. the ship heads up E. ½ N. middle part strong breezes from the same quarter hauling one or two points back and forth, after part wind and weather the same took in the main top gallant sail

Distance to Maui	Lat. by Obs. 41.25 N
1359 miles S.S.E.	Long . Chron 167 . — W

Monday Sept 8th Begins with strong breezes from S.S.E. heading E. by N. no prospect yet of a change for this week to come at 6 P.M. breeze up fresher single reefed the topsails and the ship coming up to E. middle part wind freshening but from the same direction after part heavy squally from S to S.S.W. with rain took in main top gallant sail mainsail and gib the ship also coming up to S.E. by E

Distance to Maui	Lat. by Obs 41 . 6 N
1295 miles S. by E. 3/4 E.	Long. " Chron 163 . 33 W

Tuesday Sept: 9th Begins with strong breezes from the Southward heading E by S. during the afternoon moderate set gib, mainsail and main topgallant sail, at 6 P.M raining very heavy middle part rain ceasing wind moderate from the Southward heading E by S. after part light breezes from the same quarter shook the reefs out of the top sails and set top gallant sails

Distance to Maui	Lat. by Obs. 40 . 49 N
1250 miles S. by E. 1/2 E.	Long. " Chron 162 . 46 W

1857 Bound to the Sandwich Islands

Wednesday Sept. 9th. Begins with light airs from the Southward heading E. by S. at 6 P.M. nearly calm, at 7 a light breeze springs up from S.S.E. and knocks her off to E. by N. the same old two and six pence, head winds and plenty of them, and that in a fast ship bound to port after a six months cruise, is one of the worst misfortunes which can happen to a person in this lower world. let those who doubt it, try it once for a fortnight middle part wind the same after part hauls to S.E. the ship heading E.N.E. and no prospect of its changing for the better. the crew employed in washing and drying bone

Distance to Maui
1238 miles S. by E.

Lat. by Obs 41.00 N.
Long. " Chron 160.27 W

1851 In the Pacific Ocean

~~Wedn~~ Thursday Sept. 11th Begins with a head wind from S. E. heading E. N. E making the tenth day we have had a head wind: the last nine of which we have gone but 240 miles toward the port of our destination, enough to make a man jump straight out of his boots. middle part squally heads up E. by N. and E. after part wind freshens ship heading the same

Distance to Maui	Lat. by Obs 41°24 N
1245 miles S. ½ E.	Long. by Chron 158.47 W

Friday Sept. 12th Begins with strong breezes from S. S. E heading E. by N. during the afternoon comes up to E at 6 P.M. knocks her off to E. by N. again and there sticks, where it bids fair to remain. the moon has filled nearly 48 hours ago. and this too has failed in giving us a change of wind. it was our last hope for which we have waited patiently the last ten days. so that we have now given up all hopes of a change and with christian resignation will settle down calmly. coolly. and collectedly and wait for the results. our only regret is that we have not a file of newspapers for the last six months that we could while away a few weeks until we have an actual shift of wind middle part wind and weather the same after part wind freshing to a gale put her under double reefed top sails ship heading E.

Lat. by Acct 41.50 N
Long. Do. 157.10 W

Saturday Septr 13th Begins with a gale of wind from S.S.E. heading E.

accompanied with heavy squalls of wind and rain coming up to E. by S. at 4 P. M. had a very heavy squall took in fore and mizen top sails and foresail. at 6 moderates a little set the main spencer, the wind also knocks her off to E. by N. middle part moderates set mainsail and double reefed topsails but were soon compelled to take them in again the squalls setting in very heavy, remainder of the day a gale of wind from S. to S.S.W

Distance to Maui	Lat. by Acct 42.10 N
1280 miles S.	Long " Do 155.50 W

Sunday Sept. 14th Begins with a gale of wind from S. to S. S. W. with heavy squalls of wind and rain laying to. with starboard tacks on board under close reefed maintopsail, foretopmast staysail and main spencer. this makes the 13th day we have been beating and banging about with a head wind directly in our teeth. and no prospect at present of any change for the better, and we are in a fair way of making an unusually long passage to the islands, if we are not compelled to abandon the idea of reaching them and endeavor to make some other port. middle part a tremendous sea running with a gale of wind the ship heading up S. S. E at daylight begins to moderate. commenced making sail gradually as the wind abated and by noon had all sail on her with fore top mast studding sail and a fine breeze from the Westward steering S. S. E.

Distance to Maui	Lat. by Obs 40.27 N
1178 Miles S. ¼ W	Long. Chron 155.5 W

1851 In the Pacific Ocean

Monday Sept. 15th Begins with pleasant weather and a fine breeze from the W. steering S. S. E. with all sail set. during the afternoon sent out main top gallant studding sail toward sunset the wind keeps dying away gradually with every prospect of a calm in store for us. middle part light breezes from the same quarter after part wind hauls to S. W. heading S. E. and S. E. by S. took in studding sails. to day took down one of the stern boats from overhead and commenced repairing her

Distance to Maui	Lat. by Obs. 39.. 27 N
1114 miles S. by ½ W.	Long. „ Chron 154. 2 W

Tuesday Sept. 16th Begins with moderate breezes from S. W. heading up S. E. by S. with beautiful weather this afternoon seen some flying fish the first we have seen this season, a pretty sure sign we are coming once more in the region of pleasant weather, at any rate they looked far more agreeable than range of mountains on one side covered with eternal snow, and on the other as far as the eye could reach drifting icebergs. ~~at any rate~~ however we are perfectly satisfied with the change in the appearance of things, and those who are not; why let them go back again to the Arctic. we have no objections. middle and after part heading up S.E. and S.E by S.

Distance to Maui
1033 miles S. by W.

Lat. by Obs. 37.40 N
Long " Acct 152.38 W

Wednesday Septr. 17th Begins with moderate breeze from S. S. W. heading S.E middle part a moderate breeze from S.S.W. heading S.W. and S.W. by S. after part light airs from the same quarter heading the same the crew employed in cleaning ship preparatory to going into port, where we are in hopes to arrive one of these days, also in mending one of our boats

Distance to Maui	Lat. by Obs 36"14 N
955 miles S. by W. 1/4 W	Long by Chro 151"17 W

Thursday Sept.r 18th Begins with light airs from S.W. heading S.E. by S during the afternoon wind hauls to the Westward steering South, at 7 P.M. dies away almost to a dead calm middle and after parts a calm light puffs from all quarters of the compass the ship moving a little sometimes head foremost sometimes stern foremost

Lat by Acct 36.10 N
Long " D.o 151" – W

1851 Bound to the Sandwich Islands

Friday Sept. 19th Begins with a dead calm. at 1 P.M raised a sail from aloft directly ahead as far as the eye could reach, at 6 P.M a light breeze springs up from N. E. steering S. at 7 freshens a little set main top gallant, foretopmast and lower studding sails, with the firm intention of making the most of this fair wind as long as it lasts, for God only knows when we will get another one in half an hour the studding sails were all in and the wind ahead middle and after parts heavy rain squalls from all points of the compass with light puffs the crew employed in cleaning ship

Distance to Maui	Lat. by Obs. 35.17 N.
898 miles S. by W ¼ W.	Long " Acct 151.30 W.

1851 In the Pacific Ocean

Saturday Septr 20th Begins with all sorts of weather and no kind of wind. the rain pouring down at intervals the wind whirling around to all points of the compass. and the crew in constant practice at the braces are the orders of the day for the present, at 6 P.M. the ship heads ~~to~~ W. by S. middle part wind shifts around in every direction with thunder. lightning and a deluge of rain after part beautiful clear weather but no wind

Distance to Maui
859 miles S. by W. 2°.09 W

Lat. by Obs. 34.49 N
Long. " Chron 152.11 W

Sunday Septr 21st Begins with light airs from the Eastward steering S. throughout the afternoon the ship going at the rate of 2 1/2 knots. which is a little encouraging so that we have some hopes of getting through these accursed large latitudes into the trades to day makes four weeks since we left Behrings island and squared away for port and during that time have not run two thousand miles, it is enough to make ~~so~~ one run wild and we close our journal in dispair. Middle part light airs from the Northward set studding sails alow and aloft steering S. after part wind and course the same

Distance to Maui	Lat. by Obs. 34.02 N
808 miles S. by W.	Long " Chro 152.32 W
1 degree 50 miles W.	Long " Lunar 152.5 W

Monday Sept. 22nd

Begins with light airs from the Northward steering S. with all sail set the ship going about 2½ knots at 6. P. M hauled to E.N middle part a good breeze from the Eastward steering S. by W. after part squally and wind hauling to E.S.E took in studding sails.

Distance to Maui | Lat. by Obs. 32.29 N
698 miles S 3/4 W. 42 W. | Long. " Chron 153.45 W

Tuesday. Sept. 23rd Begins with moderate breeze from E.S.E. steering S. by W. during the afternoon wind dies away gradually and at 7 P.M. almost calm, middle and after parts squally wind variable heading from S. to S.W. by S. with rain crew employed in clearing up ship and painting galley, masts &c

Distance to Maui | Lat. by Obs 30.30.
583 miles S 1/2 W. 2.08 W | Long. " Chron 154.30

1851 Bound to the Sandwich Islands

September 24th Wednesday
Begins with fine weather and moderate breezes from the Eastward at 1 P. M breezes up fresh and has every symptom of the trades but well to the Eastward. at 9 P. M. a squall of rain came up and the wind hauled to S. knocking her off to W. S. W. thus at one fell swoop destroying all our fond expectations of the trades at present, during the night, ship heads up to S. W. at daylight comes up to S. by W. remainder of the day fine weather and moderate breezes from E. S. E. heading S. by W

Distance to Maui | Lat. by Obs. 29 . 00 N.
490 miles due S. | Long. " Chron 155 . 56 W

Thursday Sept. 25th Begins with fine weather and a good breeze

1851 In the Pacific Ocean

E.S.E. heading S. by W. in half an hour past M. raised a sail three points on our weather bow. as far as could be seen from mast head standing the same way we were. at sunset she could just be discerned from off deck. suppose she is a whaler and like ourselves bound into port. middle part fresh breeze from E.S.E. heading S. by W. after part wind the same and the ship heads up no better we are now to leeward of Maui and are in a fair way the next 24 hours to be to leeward of Oahu this makes long faces throughout the ship. but there is no help for it and abide by it we must. hit or miss. we have also passed the ship raised yesterday afternoon :

Distance to Oahu	Lat by Obs 27.17 N
335 miles S ½ W.	Long " Chron 157.20 W

1857 Bound to the Sandwich Islands

Friday Septr 26th Begins with moderate breezes from E. S. E. heading S. by W and no prospect of the wind hauling at present. the ship we passed this morning. out of sight from aloft. at 6 P. M. she comes up to S. by E. which makes us draw a long breath and breathe a little easier. middle part ship heads up S. by E 1/2 E after part wind ~~and a~~ the same the ship also continue to head up. also seen the same ship on our weather quarter, she had come up during the night—

Distance to Oahu 243 miles S 1/2 W	Lat by Obs 27.44 N Long " Chro 157.30 W

Saturday Septr 27th Begins with moderate breezes from E. S. E. heading S.

from 1 to 2 P.M the wind knocks her off to S.W. by S. when she came up to S. during the afternoon comes up to S. by E. and if she only does as well the 24 hours as the last we may yet reach Oahu. middle part fresh breezes from E.S.E. heading S. after part wind the same ship heading no better

Distance to Oahu	Lat. by Obs. 24.16
144 miles due S.	Long. " Chron 158.1

Sunday Septr 28th. Begins with strong breezes from ~~S.E.~~ ~~[illegible]~~ the Eastward heading up S. by E½E. at 3 P.M exchanged signals with the ship on our weather quarter, when she ran down to us and proved to be the Canton of New Bedford full homeward bound from the Ochotsk

sea having on board the Captain
his wife. the officers and crew of the
Hogua of New Bedford wrecked in
the Ochotsk sea making the eleventh
ship wrecked this season that we know
of. the ship went ashore on Cape
Olivier in a thick fog. and went
to pieces, she was out two seasons and
had 2400 barrels oil, the Canton
took most of her oil. sufficient to
fill her and started with the
crew. The Captains wife had
also been confined on board the
Canton since leaving the
Ochotsk, and is doing very well
The crew stated that vast numbers
of bowheads were seen in the sea
and they left plenty there and
not more than a dozen ships
were in the sea. We have no doubt

but the whales which have been in the habit of frequenting the Arctic having been so harassed have this season gone into the Ochotsk instead of the Arctic as great quantity of whales were seen in the early part of the season on the Coast of Kamskatk going in a S.E. direction and no doubt went into that sea preferring it to the Arctic they eluding almost the entire whaling fleet. Middle part strong breezes from the Eastward heading up S.S.E. after part strong trades from E. heading the same at 10 A.M. made Oahu one point on the lee bow about 40 miles distant. the Canton out of sight astern not having been seen from mast head since 9 A.M beating her out of sight in 13 hours this is about the worst beat we have given any ship this voyage and must take the conceit out of her crew with respect to her sailing qualities

Lat. by ☉ by 22.19 N
Long " Chro 157.56 W

Monday Septr 29th Begins with strong trades from the Eastward running along the island toward the South point at 7 P.M. took in topgallant sails also hauled up the courses, We find to day that our Lunar was right the other day to a mile and that our chronometer is 28 miles too far to the ~~Eas~~ Westward, at 9 P.M hauled aback the main-yard and laid off and on during the night. at early dawn braced forward and stood on toward

1857 Laying at Anchor in

Diamond head at sunrise received a pilot and stood in the passage

Monday 29th (Civil Account) Finds us entering the harbor with strong puffs from off the land, at 9 A. M. we brought up good and solid on the bottom. and after a number of ineffectual attempts to get her off. the Pilot gave it up as the tide was falling, there were but four whalers in port beside ourselves, quite a number of merchant men and one English man of war brig. during the afternoon the Canton made her appearance and came to her ancherage without any mishap At 6 P. M. the Pilot again came off and endeavoured to get her off we having taken the bone from the

fore hold to the quarter deck in order
to lighten her head as her bows only
grounded on an infernal sand back
but was unable to start her, the
attempt was then given up until
4 in the morning and boats crews
watch set for the night, with but
little prospect of starting her then
as the tides are now running neap
This afternoon the Ship Andes of
Boston went out of the harbor in
good style bound to the East Indies
remainder of the day light airs
and calms

Tuesday Sept 30th Begins
with light puffs from off the land
at 4 A.M. all hands were called
and commenced filling casks with
water and rolling them aft in order

to lighten her forward. also broke out some oil at 5 the pilot came off and after a great deal of labor and trouble succeeded in getting her afloat at 7 A.M and by 9 we were moored. during the forenoon the Champion arrived 2 whales this season also the Huntress 800 barrels this season leaking 900 strokes per hour. the Saml Robinson also arrived and cruised outside the reef 8 whales this season, she is a two seasoner and is homeward bound with about 4000 barrels. During the day the crew were employed in getting up our bone from the main hatch way preparatory to bunching it. to send home, we have also heard of the loss of the Ship Globe in the Arctic in August last at Cape East. swelling the number already heard of to 13 whale ships wrecked this season and more than twice that number badly damaged remainder of the day calms and light airs.

Wednesday Octr. 1st Begins with light airs from off the land at an early hour commenced spreading the bone to dry, this morning the Saml. Robertson came in and soon set her ensign half mast. one of her crew dying with the scurvy, quite a number of them were down with it, the Concordia of Sagharbor also arrived 30 barrels this season and this she obtained from a whale we had killed, the whale stove our boat and escaped spouting blood, twenty days afterward they fell in with him dead and blasted considerably they hooked on to him but were unable to turn him or they would have saved 100 barrels. they however took one lip and one strip of blubber lengthwise which made them 30 barrels and found one of our irons sticking in him marked Montreal, an English merchantman also arrived and a French do sealer; during the afternoon the crew were employed in bunching bone. in the evening strong breezes from the land middle part very strong breezes from off the land

Thursday Oct. 2nd Begins with heavy squalls from off the land at an early hour the ship City of New Bedford came in 4 whales this season a fore topsail schooner anchored outside the reef and soon afterwards three ~~oar~~ boats came from laden with the crew of the Acushnet of Fairhaven lost in the Arctic adding another to the list which is truly appalling, a large American whaler also came to anchor outside the reef, being unable to get in on account of the wind? her name we have not learned, ~~middle part~~ we have since learned her name it was the Helen Augusta of Newport 60 barrels of oil

__Friday__ Octr 3rd Begins with light airs from off the land at an early hour commenced barrelling the bone and boating it off to the bark Wigton which vessel we intend loading with bone and oil and despatching her to New Bedford during the forenoon the Helen Augusta came in and anchored, also a merchantman, the Arctic appeared outside laying off and on she is clean not having taken a drop of oil since she left home the George & Susan also sailed for home remainder of the day light airs from N. E

Saturday Octr 4th Begins with moderate breeze from off the land after breakfast went to work at the bone again having taken the last season over 50.000 lbs more bone than we believe was ever taken before in one season by any whaler. this morning an american merchantman came in. To day a chief of high rank and related to the King is to be

Honolulu Harbor (Oahu S.I)

buried on shore by name of John Young Governor o Maui, and the Kanakas will make a great display at an early hour the shipping displayed their colors at ½ mast. the marines from the English brig of war went on shore to assist in the ceremonies the fort on the hill also fired minute guns during the day there were no arrivals or departures except small craft. the crew employed as the day before in bunching bone and carrying it to the bark remainder of the day moderate breezes from off the land

Sunday Oct. 5th Begins with fine weather and moderate breezes off shore no arrivals or departures this day the starboard watch went on shore for liberty

1851 Laying at Anchor in

Monday Octr 6 Begins with moderate breezes from off the shore during the forenoon the barks Chili and Mary Frasier came in also the Metacom all of New Bedford a Bremen ship came to anchor outside, the Arctic still continues laying off and on, the Metacom have taken 700 barrels this season and lost rising 1200 fathoms of line, in the afternoon the bark Winslow hauled alongside of us to take in cargo remainder of the day strong breezes

Tuesday Octr 7th Begins with strong breezes from off the land, the Bremen ship came in. the Arctic and another ship outside. this morning commenced breaking out our oil to fill the Winslow. the Arctic left

Honolulu Harbor Oahu S. I.

this morning the Cincinatti came in upwards of 50 months out 500 bbls sperm nothing this season, a number of the crew down with the scurvy had lost one man with it a few days since, remainder of the day strong breezes

Wednesday Oct. 8th Begins with moderate breezes from off the land this morning the Lagoda of New Bedford came in also the bark Bayard of Westport 4 whales this season making her 450 barrels, the crew employed as on the previous day breaking out oil and ~~putting~~ transferring it to the Winslow

Thursday Oct. 9th Moderate breezes, no arrivals or departures, crew employed as the day before —

1851 Laying at Anchor in

Friday Octr 10th Begins with moderate breezes from off the land during the day the Junior of New Bedford came in 500 barrels altogether 2 whales this season. the crew employed as the day before

Saturday Octr 11th Begins with fine weather during the day the Hobomok of Stonington came in oil not yet known all hands busily engaged in transferring oil to the bark Winslow we have since learned that she has taken one whale this season, remainder of the day weather good wind N.E by E. — This evening one of the boatsteerers named William fell from the deck into the lower hold without any material injury

Honolulu Harbor (Oahu S.I)

Sunday Octr 12th Begins with fine weather, and moderate breezes from off the land, no arrivals or departures this day excepting small craft, all hands who wished went a shore to day either to attend divine service or stroll about the island as inclination might tend

Monday Octr 13th Begins with light airs from off the land, all hands busily employed in breaking out oil and transferring it to the bark the French Ship Manche of Havre came in this morning oil not known

Tuesday Octr 14th Begins with pleasant weather the Mary of New Bedford came in full 2100 this season also 2 barks, with little oil to day finished filling the bark having placed on board of her 47.485 pounds of whalebone and about 1200 barrels of oil including 112 of sperm the king sailed to day in his yacht for Owyhee, the battery on shore fired a salute, and the English brig of war manned her yards as the king passed

Wednesday, Oct 15th Begins with fine weather, after breakfast the starboard watch went on shore on liberty to day the Adeline came in hailing 1800 this season one ship outside suppose the Alert of New London. the watch employed in setting up casks and clearing up ship

Honolulu Harbor (Oahu S. I.)

Thursday Oct. 16th Begins with light airs from off the land at an early hour the watch was called to duty, the larboard watch went on shore on liberty. during the day the day the Electra of New London came in also the Alert of Do. and one French whaler the watch busily employed in setting up casks the Winslow also hauled off from us to day, and God grant her ~~with~~ a safe and speedy passage with her portion of our hard earnings

Friday Oct 17th Begins with fine weather and light airs from off the land to day the John Coggeshall came in now in the merchant service formerly in the whaling service to day the watch employed in setting up casks

1851 Laying at Anchor in

rafting water and other ships duty also heeled ship and repaired the copper on the starboard side the starboard watch on shore to day on liberty

Saturday Octr. 18th Begins with good weather several ships outside the reef the Wm. Thompson came in this morning 1100 barrels, the larboard watch on shore on liberty, the watch on board engaged in ships duty

Sunday Octr. 19th Begins with calm weather in the morning the wind out from the Southward one ship came in with a fair wind the North Star of New London 800 barrels no departures this day

Honolulu Harbor (S.I)

Monday Octr 20 Begins with a southerly wind a chinese rigged three masted vessel came in to day. no departures nor can there be any with the wind in this direction, to day stowed down all our water and began to get things in readiness for sea

Tuesday Octr 21st Begins with calms in the morning the wind again from the Southward brought off a small raft of water also our stock of vegetables sent on shore some bread and sails two or three ships outside one a French Merchantman, three men absent this morning. Idingen, Jackson and Blacksmith remainder of the day moderate breezes from the southward

1851 Laying at Anchor in

Wednesday Octr 22nd Begins with light airs from off the land during the forenoon the wind again sets in from the Southward. the brig of war also left bound to Valparaiso several ships outside laying off and on no departures this day the absent men still on shore

Thursday Octr 23rd Begins with light airs and calms early in the morning hove short when the wind again set in from the Southward which put an end to further attempts to go to sea for this day, the Winslow also hauled out to the channel and gave it up, the Canton attempted to get to sea without success. The Bremen ship Alexander Barclay came in to day 3000 barrels two seasons out

Honolulu Harbor S. I.

2000 barrels this season. Three ships out
side the reef one the Enterprize of
Nantucket little or nothing this season
to day heard of the loss of another
ship the Omega near Cape East
in Behring Straits. at 3 P.M the
wind shifts and comes off the land
the Chile. the Canton and the
Winslow got under way and went
to sea. last night. the Kanaka's
confined in the fort broke loose, overpowering
the sentinel the siezed upon the fort
and loaded the cannon with blank
cartridge, being unable to find ball
it was said they intended to kill the
Governor and the principal chiefs as
the king was absent. and ~~sent~~ set
fire to the town to windward, but
one of the number notified the chiefs
in time for them to make their escape

middle part wind hauls to the Southward dead ahead. heading W. S. W. at daylight tacked ship heading S. E. by E. five sail in sight remainder of the day calm

Lat. by Obs. 20..41 N
Long " Chron. 158..14 W

Monday Oct. 27th. Begins with calms and light airs from all points of the compass. the ship heading every way in the course of an hour middle part a light breeze springs up from the Eastward heading S. S. E. remainder of the day the breeze freshens a little from the same quarter. the watch employed in painting boats

Lat by Obs 20..10 N
Long " Chron 158..31 W

Bound to the Equator

Tuesday Octr. 28th Begins with moderate breezes from the Eastward heading S.S.E. the Erie still in company with us about 3 miles distant middle part breeze freshens from the same quarter after part strong breeze from the Eastward heading S.S.E.

Lat. by Obs 18„08 N
Long „ Chro 158„37 W

Wednesday Octr. 29th Begins with fresh breezes from the Eastward heading S.S.E. the Erie still in sight about 7 miles distant one point abaft our weather beam, middle part fresh breezes from the same quarter after part the same

Lat. by Obs. 15„31 N
Long. „ Chron 157„41 W

1851 In the North Pacific

Thursday Octr. 30th Begins with fresh breeze from the Eastward heading S.E. by S. the Erie still in sight about 25 miles distant nearly astern. At 6 P.M. sets in squally took in flying jib, fore top gallant sail and main royal also mizen top gallant sail middle and after parts wind fresh and steady from E.N.E. heading S.E.

Lat. by Obs 12 " 48 N
Long " Chron. 156 " 46 W

Friday Octr. 31st Begins with fresh breeze from E.N.E. heading S.E. the Erie no where to be seen being out of sight astern. the watch employed in setting up rigging middle and after parts wind moderate

Lat by Obs 10 " 8 N
Long " Chron 156 . 4 W

Bound to the Equator.

Saturday ~~Octr.~~ Novr. 1st. Begins with moderate breezes from E.N.E steering S.E. by S. during the afternoon a number of rain squalls, with but little wind, at 7 P.M. nearly a dead calm. middle part wind breezes up a little varying from E. to E.N.E. after part the same.

Lat. by Obs 9..09 N
Long. " Chron 155.50 W

Sunday Octr. 2nd. Begins with squally weather. and rain wind out from E.N.E. heading S.E. by S. at 6 P.M nearly calm, light airs from S.E. to S.S.E. middle part a good breeze springs up from E.S.E heading S. by E. after part wind the same

Lat by Obs 7..21 N
Long " Chron 155.9 W

1857 In the North Pacific

Monday Nov 3rd. Begins with fin weather and a good breeze from E.S.E heading S. by E. this afternoon saw a school of grampus the first spouts we have seen since leaving the islands Should we fall in with sperm whales now, we are rather unfortunately situated having no less than ten of the crew turned up with the ladies fever, most of them brim full of mercury, so that at present we could not man four boats, this one fact speaks volumes as to the morality of the Sandwich islands natives upon whom so much treasu has been expended, and so many ship loads of spiritual advisers hav been sent under the title of missionar to christianize them. middle part fresh breeze from E.S.E.

after part calm

Lat. by Acct. 6.30 N
Long " D: 155. — W

Tuesday Nov 4th Begins with a dead calm. at 5 P.M. had quite a squall with considerable rain — when a fine breeze sprung up from S.E. heading S. by W. and S. by W ½ W. with every prospect of a good breeze during the night. middle part ship heads S. after part fresh breeze, from E by S. ship heads up S. by W. crew employed in mending foresail

Lat. by Obs 4.10 N
Long " Chron 156.26 W

Wednesday Nov 5th Begins with fresh breeze from the Eastward heading S. by W. with strong hopes of being able to pass to the windward of Chatham Island one of the most dangerous islands in the whole Pacific, directly in the path of whalemen homeward boun from the Sandwich Islands and which has picked up a number of ships. We shall however have daylight to pass it in should the breeze last of which there is every prospect. Middle part fresh breeze from the Eastward the ship heading S.S.E. after part the same

Lat. by Obs 2.01
Long " Chro 156.4

Bound to the Equator

Thursday. Novr 6th Begins with strong breezes from the Eastward heading S.S.E. at half an hour after meridian the cry of "Land ho" was heard from aloft which proved to be the island of Chatham four points on the lee bow about 15 miles distant, at 2 P.M. it was on our lee beam plainly visible about 10 miles distant, a long low, barren sand spit, according to our reckoning it should have been 40 miles distant. so that the ship is either 30 miles to westward of the chronometer or the chart and epitome are both wrong. middle and after parts strong breezes from E.S.E. heading S.

Lat by Obs 0" 48 S
Long " Chron. 157" 28 W

1851 In the South Pacific

Friday Nov 7th Begins with strong breezes from E.S.E. heading S. having crossed the Equator without seeing a single spout. middle and after parts fresh breezes from E.S.E heading S. the watch employed in mending the mizen topsai

Lat. by Obs 3.52 S
Long " Chron 158.09 W

Saturday Nov 8th Begins with strong breezes from E.S.E kept her off S.W. toward Hoorn Island, where it is altogether propable we shall touch for fresh recruits. middle part the breeze continues the same steering S.W. by W. after part set fore topmas studding sail

1095 miles to Hoorn Island S.W. by W ¼ W

Lat. by Obs 4.55.S
Long " Chron 160.36W

Bound to New Zealand

Sunday Nov 9th Begins with fine weather and a good breeze from E. S. E. steering S. W. by W. set main top gallant studding sail. the ground here is very barren not a spout to be seen altho' the best of lookout is kept 5 silver dollars being nailed up against the horse to be taken down by the first one who shall raise 50 barrels of sperm oil to be taken on board. middle part squally with the wind out from N. E. after part wind and course the same

Lat. by Obs 5,, 55 S
Long " Chron 162.57 W

Monday Nov 10th Begins with moderate breeze from N. E. steering S. W. by W. middle part wind hauled to E. N. E. steering S. W by W ½ W. after part wind and course the same

Lat. by Obs 6.32 S
Long " Chron 164.46 W.

Tuesday Nov 11th Begins with moderate breezes from E. N. E steering S. W. by W ½ W. middle part wind moderate from the Eastward steering S. W. by W. after part wind and course the same

Lat. by Obs 6.58 S
Long " Chron 166.17 W

Wednesday Nov 12th Begins with moderate breezes from the Eastward steering S. W. by W. during the afternoon had quite a number of rain squalls from E. to E.S.E. at 7 P.M. experienced a very heavy thunder shower with a shift of wind to W.N.W. middle part wind variable but finally settles to E.S.E. steering S.W. by W. after part wind and course the same

Lat by Obs 7" 44 S
Long " Chro. 169" 21 W

Thursday Novr 13th Begins with moderate breezes from E.S.E. steering S.W. by W. middle part wind light and hauls to N.E. course the same after part wind and course the same

Lat. by Obs 8" 31 S
Long. " Chron 170.46 W

Friday Novr 14th Begins with moderate winds from N.E. steering S.W. nearly calm middle part light airs from S.E. at 10 P.M. wore ship heading N. and hauled aback the fore yard as according to our reckoning we were too near some islands to keep on running through the night. at day light kept off on her course S.W. at 9 land was raised from mast head directly ahead and on our lee bow. remainder of the day light breezes from N.E. running toward the land

Lat. by Obs 9.03 S
Long. " Chron 171.19 W

Saturday Nov 15th Finds us running along Clarence island about 3 miles distant. during the afternoon we despried a tent made of sail cloth pitched on shore

1857 Off Clarence Island

in a shady ravine, and shortly afterwards several men were ~~descried~~ observed endeavoring to launch a boat through the breakers over the reef, which after much labor they accomplished and immediately made toward the ship. a canoe was also seen in another direction filled with natives also approaching us. At supper time they came alongside in the boat were an Englishman and Frenchman, with two natives. it appeared from their story that they came from the Navigators. that about 5 months since the bark Novelty from San Francisco bound to Sidney went on the reef. the passengers and crew arrived at the navigators and sold the wreck

1857 Off Clarence Island

to these two men who came here forthwith to save what they could Two other canoe loads of natives came off and boarded us. They were stout healthy looking men of middling stature, rather loosely clad, having nothing but a small tappa about their loins. their hair was short and curly. a few fish hooks were given them, with which they were delighted. a bucket of bread was thrown on deck and never did a drove of hogs pitch into a basket of corn with greater avidity than did these natives into the bread, they threw themselves on their knees and scrambled for it as if for life picking up the smallest crumbs. The island affords them little else but

1851 Off Clarence Island

cocoa nuts, ~~not~~ having no hogs, poultry yams, potatoes, bananas or fruit of any kind and no water, they drank plentifully of the latter as soon as they came on board, they were not half civilized, being quite savage. the white men informing us that scarce a day passed without the natives killing one another that they would kill each other for a single cocoa nut, About dusk they all left us and started for the island, and we braced forward and stood on our course steering S. W. by W. middle part baffling airs from the Westward after part light airs from S. S. E. steering S. W. by W

Lat. by Obs 9.24 S
Long. " Chron 171.30 W

1851 Off Clarence Island

Sunday Novr 16th. Begins with a dead calm, Clarence Island in sight about 20 miles distant on our lee quarter. a little before sunset we saw seven canoes filled with natives paddling as if for life to reach us, in a short time they came alongside, and came on board bringing with them some shells. and other notions. one was a piece of dinner plate, another had one of the red men from a back gammon board with a hole bored through it and a piece of string attached of which he appeared very proud. It appears they were so well treated yesterday that they determined to come again with others. A more hungry set of human beings I never laid eyes on before. Their continued cry.

1857 Off Clarence Island

way "kai kai", similar to the Sandwich and Society islands "cow cow" signifying "to eat to eat". the captain with the most praiseworthy humanity. ordered an abundance of bread to be brought on deck and given to them, that their appetites might be satisfied for once in their lives. it was astonishing to see the quantities they consumed they then filled their tappas with the remainder. water was also given them in buckets which they drank in the same manner a horse would putting their heads in the bucket and swilling away as all they can get to drink on shore is toddy which is obtained by tapping the cocoa nut tree, Among them was quite an intelligent boy about 8 years old, who for the first time in

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his life
had a plentiful meal, he at once noticed the difference, and by his actions manifested a strong disposition to stay on board the ship, trying constantly to evade his father and clinging to some of the ship's company the father called him once from the cabin but afterwards did not appear to use any exertion to ~~remain~~ retain him, & when we were able to clear the decks he went off in his canoe without him. the boy was then taken into the cabin and the third mate proceeded to rig him out with striped shirt, duck trousers. strap and straw hat, after which he was placed in the steerage, joy beaming from his countenance, middle part light airs from S. E. steering S. W. by W at day light the

island could not be seen from mast head or in all probability we would have received another visit from the famishing natives of Clarence Island, after part wind and course the same

Lat. by Obs 9.40 S
Long. " Chron 172.43 W

Monday Nov 17th Begins with moderate breezes from S.E. steering S.W. during the afternoon had several squalls of wind and rain, middle part nearly a dead calm after part a good breeze from the Northward course the same

Lat. by Obs 10.36 S
Long " Chron 174.12 W

1851 In the South Pacific

Tuesday Nov 18th Begins with a good breeze from the Northward steering S.W. middle part wind variable, after part rain squally and wind shifting about steering S.W

Lat by Obs 11"31 S
Long " Chron 175.22 W

Wednesday Nov 19th Begins with a good breeze from S.S.E. steering S.W. at 2 P.M. altered her course to S.S.W. wind hauling to S.E. middle part wind and course the same after part strong breeze from S.E steering S.S.W. at ½ past 11 A.M. raised ~~the~~ ~~of~~ Hoorns island 2 points on the weather bow 50 miles distant

Lat by Obs 13.30 S
Long " Chron 177.45 W

Hoorn

Bound to New Zealand

Thursday Nov 20th Begins with fresh breezes from S.E. steering S.S.W at 2 P.M kept her off S.W by W. middle and after parts wind moderate from the S.E. course the same

Lat. by Ob. 14.09 S
Long. by Chron 179"50 E.

Friday Nov 21st Begins with moderate breezes from S.E. steering S.W. by W. having crossed the meridian and running along the Feejee islands about 2 degrees to the southward of them full as near as we have any desire to be. middle and after parts wind the same steering S.W. by S

Lat. by Obs. 15"41 S
Long. . Chron 178. 2 E

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Saturday Nov 22nd. Begins with moderate breezes from the Eastward steering S.W. by S running along the Feejee islands middle part moderate breezes from the N.E. steering S.W. at daylight made the land about 25 miles distant on our lee beam being the island of M-avolo one of the group at 10 A.M. raised a sail two points on our starboard bow standing to the Southward after part running toward the ship

Lat. by Obs. 16.37 S
Long " Chron 176.48 E

Sunday Nov 23rd Begins with moderate breezes from the Eastward running toward the ship at 2 P.M. spoke her when she proved

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to be the Richard Mitchell of Nantucket 39 months out 1400 bbls of sperm, bound to New Zealand on a short cruise and then home had lost her 2nd mate and a boats crew supposed that a sperm whale took the boat down. we also heard of the loss of Captn. Luce of the ship Boy of Warren who was massacred at one of the Kings Mill group with his entire boats crew middle and after parts light winds from N. E. steering S.W by S.

Lat by Obs 17"55 S
Long " Chron 176"10 E

Monday Nov 24th Begins with light airs from N. E. steering S. W. at 5 P. M a dead calm, middle part a light breeze springs up from the Eastward steering S.W. at break of day kept her W.S.W in hopes of being able to see a reef laid down on our chart after part the same

Lat by Obs 18 " 04 S
Long. " Chro 175 " 12 ~~W~~ E

Tuesday Nov 25th Begins with light airs from the Eastward steering S.W. by S. at 2 P.M. by our reckoning we were precisely on the reef and nothing to be seen from mast head, so that it must be laid down erroneously. middle part moderate breeze steering S.W. after part wind and course the same

Lat. by Obs 18 . 55 S
Long. " Chro 173 . 46 ~~W~~ E.

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Wednesday Novr 26th Begins with moderate breezes from the Eastward steering S. W. at 8 P. M. had quite a heavy squall of wind and rain from S. E. took in flying jib, top gallant sails, mainsail, clewed down the topsails and kept her off before it; at 9 P. M made sail again and kept her on her course, remainder of the day strong trades from S. S. E steering S. W

Lat. by Obs 19.29 S
Long. " Chro 171.58 E

Thursday Nov 27th Begins with strong trades from S. S. E steering S. W. middle part the same at daylight raised the Island of Erromanga on our lee beam about

15 miles distant luffed up to S. W.
by S. after part wore the same
course S. by W ½ W.

Lat by Obs 21" 8 S
Long. " Chron 169" 30 E

Friday Nov 28th Begins with moderate breezes from S.E. steering full and by at 2 P.M raised a sail on our lee beam as far as could be seen from mast head heading to the Northward at 11 P.M. hauled the main yard aback and wore ship head to the northward and lay to until 5 A.M. on account of a reef ahead some 15 miles in length, at 5 wore ship and stood on her course S. W by S. at 11 A.M. raised land 3 points on our

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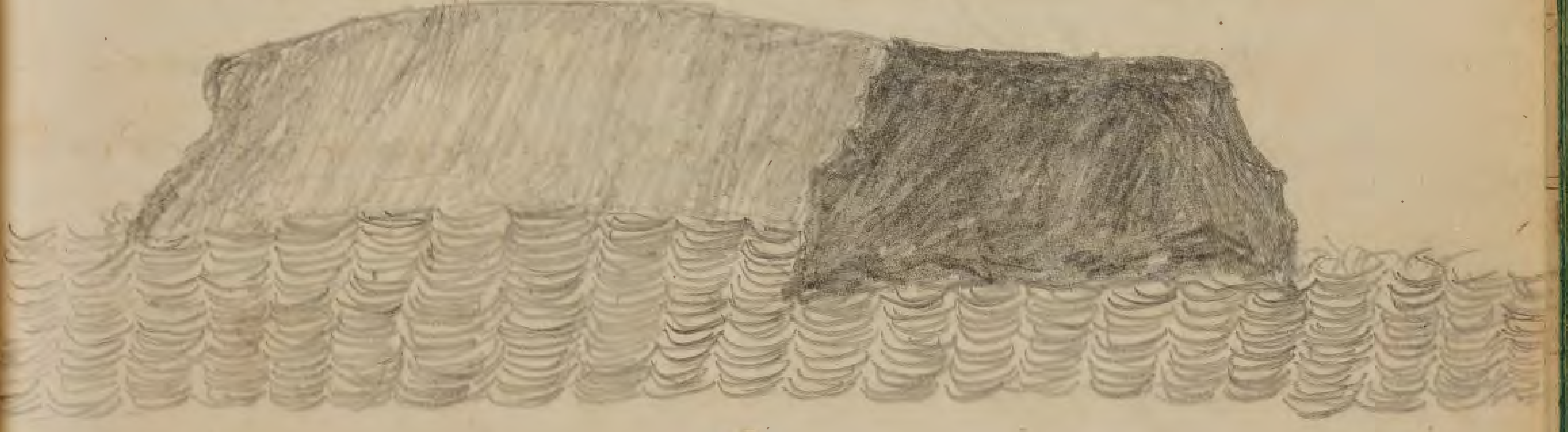
weather bow being Walpole's island remainder of the day wind and course the same

Lat. by Obs 22„13 S
Long „ Chron 169„00 E

View of Walpole Island
bearing N. E. by E. 6 miles distant



Lat. 22„40 S
Long. 169„09 E

1851 Off Walpoles Island

Saturday Nov 29th Begins with light winds from E.N.E. steering S. by E.½ E. directly for the island which we passed about sunset. It is a remarkable looking island being about 100 feet in height and as level as a floor in the form of a semicircle and is unquestionably the remains of a huge crater, one half of which has been thrown down at some remote period, by some convulsion of nature leaving about ½ standing, a sickly kind of grass with ~~a~~ some stunted shrubbery cover the top of it middle and after parts wind the same course S.

Lat by Obs 24"55 S
Long " Chron 168"45 E

In the South Pacific

Sunday Novr 30th Begins with moderate breezes from the Eastward steering S. at 1 P.M raised a sail on our weather beam steering S.W. a fore topsail schooner supposed her bound to Sidney or Hobart town from the course she was steering middle and after part wind moderate from the Eastward steering South

Lat. by Obs 26.50 S
Long. " Acct. 168.25 E

Monday Decr 1st Begins with thick cloudy weather and every appearance of rain, wind from the Eastward steering South. during the afternoon a light rain sets in. nothing in sight. we have not seen the spout of a sperm

whale for the last ten months
and things look gloomy for the sperm
season, we have but about a month
more to cruise, before it will be
necessary, to go in port, lay in our
recruits and off again for the Arctic
middle part wind breezes up from
E.S.E. cruise S. by W.

Lat. by Obs 28"32 S
Long. " Chro 167" 4 E

Tuesday Decr 2nd Begins with
fresh breezes from S.E. going full
and by. during the afternoon blowing
on fresher, took in flying jib top
gallant sails. and reefed mizen
top sail. double reefed the fore
and single reefed the main
topsails. middle and after
parts strong breezes from S.E

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steering S. W. by S.
Lat. by Obs 30..35 S
Long. " Chron 175..42 E

Wednesday Dec. 3rd Begins with good weather and strong breezes from S. E. steering S. by W the weather now becoming quite chilly, summer clothing about dispensed with for the present and woollen clothing in good demand middle and after parts, fresh breezes from S. E. on the wind at 9 A. M. the cry was heard from mast head "there she blows" and the cry of sperm whales rang thro" the ship, we were however doomed to disappointment for they proved to be sulphur-bottoms
Lat. by Obs 32..16 S
Long " Chron 163..11 E

1851 In the South Pacific

Thursday Dec. 4th Begins with fresh breeze from S.E. heading S. by W. the weather moderating middle and after parts fresh breeze from S.E. heading S.S.W and S. by W.

Lat. by Obs. 33.48 S
Long. " Chron 161.39 E

Friday Dec. 5th Begins with strong breeze from S.E. heading S.S.W. this afternoon the Captain took down the 5 silver dollars which have so long been nailed up as a bounty for 50 bbls Sperm oil and substituted 4 Red flannel shirts in lieu thereof middle and after parts wind the same

Lat. by Obs 35.42 S
Long. " Chron 159.49 E

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Saturday Dec. 6th Begins with moderate breezes from S. E. heading S. by W. this afternoon seen white water several times on the lee beam the ship was immediately kept ~~bear~~ off and went in that direction about 4 miles off the distance they were off, but saw nothing. middle and after parts nearly calm

Lat. by Obs. 36.59 S
Long. " Chron 159.4 E

Sunday Dec. 7th Begins with light airs from the Eastward heading S. S. E. the weather constantly growing cooler, the albatross now becoming quite plenty. but no whales, and our sperm season fast dwindling away, middle and after parts headed up E. S. E and S. E. by E at 5 A. M raised a

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a large school of ~~4~~ black fish
lowered four boats, the 2nd mate
first fastened and finally lost his fish
the mate also fastened and killed
two which he brought to the ship
hoisted them in and stood on
After breakfast raised a sail right
ahead, standing toward us, she
proved to be the English Fore topsail
schooner Amazon belonging to
New Zealand bound to Sidney
with 400 barrels elephant oil
had been cruising off South West
cape and saw nothing. the Captain
had his wife, wifes sister and three
half cast Maurie women on board
we obtained some potatoes from
her, when both vessels parted
company

Lat. by Obs 38..9
Long " Chron 160..34

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Monday Decr. 8th. Begins with beautiful weather and a good breeze from E.N.E. heading S.E. by E. middle and after parts strong breezes from N.N.E. steering E.S.E.

Lat. by Obs 39.42 S
Long " Chron 163.49 E.

Tuesday Decr 9th. Begins with moderate breezes from N.N.E steering E.S.E. at 3 P.M raised a school of blackfish, lowered 4 boats they were going very fast, the 2nd mate fastened to a very large one killed him and towed him to the ship when we braced forward and stood on, middle part blowing very fresh from the Northward took in top gallant sails and double reefed the topsails the rain also pouring down in torrents at 4 A.M. the wind shifts to S.W. and blows a gale, furled the fore and mizen topsails, close reefed the main and hove the ship to larboard tacks on board, remainder of the day a gale of wind

Lat. by Obs 39..54 S
Long. " Chron 165..54 E.

Wednesday Decr 10th Begins with a gale of wind but soon moderates, set double reefed topsails and kept her E. by S. at 6 P.M. wind hauls to N. middle part blows a gale of wind with tremendous squalls from the southward hove the ship to under close reefed maintopsail, main spencer and fore topmast stay sail larboard tacks on board, at 1

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A.M. was struck amidships by a heavy sea which stove in bulwarks on both sides, about 30 feet on the weather side and 15 feet on the lee side, stove the bow and waist boats, carried away the larboard fore channels, and washed away one of the main hatches, with part of the lee rail, took in the staysail when she laid a little easier. remainder of the day a heavy gale of wind but moderating

Lat. by Ob 39„ 34 S
Long. „ Chro 167„ 7 E

Thursday
~~Friday~~ Dec 11th Begins with a gale of wind and a heavy sea running at 1 P.M. wind hauls to W.S.W. wore ship heading to the Southward, wind and sea going down

middle and after parts wind moderating. the sea still continues heavy. the carpenter employed in making a new mainhatch. set double reefed topsail

Lat. by Obs 40..10 S.
Long. " Chron 168..15 E.

Friday Decr 12th Begins with ~~to~~ moderate wind, and a heavy sea running from W.S.W. started the works and commenced trying out our blackfish blubber, saw several fin backs. at 6.30 P.M. saw whales on our weather beam 4 miles off having every appearance of sperm whales. shook the reefs out of the main topsail and set flying jib and main sail. luffed up to the wind and headed for them. they proved to be killers. one however was declared to be a sperm-whale, but it being too dark to lower, any further pursuit was abandoned double reefed the topsails steering S. by E. middle and after parts more moderate set whole topsails, the watch employed in mending the stern-boat

Lat. by Obs. 41.04 S
Long. " Chron 169.36 E

Saturday Decr 13th Begins with cloudy weather wind N.N.W steering N.E. by E. breezing up fresh double reefed the topsails. at 6 P.M moderates again, queer country this three gales of wind and as many calms in 24 hours, besides every variety of squalls, middle part blows fresh from the Northward with rain furled fore and mizen topsails and hove to larboard tack on board after part wind hauls to S.W. and moderates to day finished the boats and commenced on the bulwarks

Lat. by Obs 40.20 S
Long. " Chron 171"25 E

Sunday Dec. 14th Begins with light airs from the Southwest and fine weather steering N.E middle and after parts fine weather and light breezes from S.W. steering N.E. by N.

Lat. by Obs. 39"44 S
Long. " Chron 172"19 E

Monday Dec 15th Begins with fine weather and light winds from W.N.W steering N. nothing at all in sight in these latitudes and our sperm season drawing to a close without having yet seen a solitary spout of a sperm whale that we were positive of middle and after part light airs from the Westward steering N.E. by N.

Lat. by Obs 38.24 S
Long. " Chron 173.10 E

Tuesday Decr 16th Begins with light airs from W.S.W. heading N.W. with occasional fog squalls to day finished repairing the bulwarks, middle part wind the same heading S. after part wind hauls to the Northward steering S.W set fore topmast studding sail

Lat. by Obs 38.01 S
Long. " Chron 172.12 E

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Wednesday Decr 17th Begins with light airs from the Northward steering S.W. to day unbent the spanker and altered it into a mizen, then bent it again and set it. middle part fine weather, wind the same after part wind hauls to the Southward tacked ship heading W.S.W.

Lat. by Obs 38.46 S
Long. " Chron 171.12 E

Thursday Decr 18th Begins with fine weather and light winds from the Southward heading W.S.W. at 6.30 P.M raised a school of blackfish directly ahead, hauled aback the main yard and lowered four boats, the mate got two. the 2nd and 3rd mates each one which were brought to the ship and hoisted when we braced forward and stood on, a great many right whale porpoises in with breaching and spouting in every direction and the ground now begins to look very lively, middle part wind hauls to S.S.E. heading S.W. after part hauls back again to the Southward

Lat. by Oby. 38.53 S
Long. " Chron 169.11 E

Friday Decr 19th Begins with moderate breezes from the Southward heading W.S.W. and S. by W. middle part heads W. and W. by N. after part wore ship heading S.E. by S

Lat. by Oby 38.41 S
Long. " Chron 168.1 E

1851 Cruising off New Zealand

Saturday Dec. 20th. Begins with fine weather and good breezes from S.S.W. to S.W. heading S.E. by S and S.S.E. to day tried out few of black fish oil amounting after all was counted to 5 barrels. at 7 P.M. sent down the main top gallant yard having sprung it middle part strong breezes from S.W. after part employed in fishing it wind and weather the same

Lat. by Obs 40.06 S
Long. " Chron 169.5 E

Sunday Dec. 21st Begins with cloudy weather and strong breezes from S.W. heading S.E. by S. middle part wore ship heading W. after part sent up main top gallant yard sail wind light from S.S.W. Lat. by Obs 40.17 S
Long. " Chron 168.23 E

1851 Cruising off New Zealand

Monday Dec 22nd Begins with light airs from S. W. heading W.N.W nothing in sight from ~~a~~ mast head middle part fresh breezes from the ~~S~~ same quarter at 7 A.M strong breezes from the Westward double reefed the topsails after part strong breezes from the Westward with rain heading S. by W.

Lat. by Obs 41.20 S
Long " Chron 169.25 E

Tuesday Dec 23rd Begins with fresh breezes from the Westward heading S.S.W and a rain storm at 6 P. wind shifts to S.S.W ship heading S.E. and nearly calm wore ship heading to the Westward at 8 A.M. wore ship again heading S.E

Lat. by Obs. 40.46 S
Long. " Chron 167.26 E

1851 Cruising off New Zealand

Wednesday Dec. 24th Begins with strong breezes from S.S.W. heading S.E with a heavy sea running at 5 P.M. the wind freshening furled the mainsail, middle part wind and weather the same after part wind moderate shook out a reef in the topsails and set mainsail heading up S.E b S.

Lat. by Obs 41"29 S
Long. " Chron 169.16 E

Thursday Dec. 25th Begins with fresh breezes from S.W. heading S.E. by S. at 7 P.M. double reefed the topsails. furled mainsail and flying jib middle part more moderate at 5 A.M. shook the reefs out of the topsails set topgallant sails mainsail and flying jib. after part breezy up a little furled top gallant sails. wind S.S.W. heading S.E

Lat. by Obs 42"34 S
Long. " Chron 170" 9 E

Friday Dec 26th Begins with moderate breeze from S.S.W. heading S.E. at 1 P.M. made the land on our lee bow about 30 miles distant wore ship heading W.N.W the wind hauling to S.W. middle and after parts light baffling winds and calms

Lat. by Acct. 43 " " S.
Long. " D° 169 " 10 E

Saturday Dec 27th Begins with light airs from the Northward steering W.S.W during the afternoon blows very fresh with rain and every appearance of a a gale of wind the land in sight to day on our lee beam and bore about 30 miles distant, very high mountains covered with snow — At 7 P. M. double reefed the topsails: furled the mainsail and jib and luffed up to the wind heading W. N. W. middle part moderate and foggy. after part nearly calm — made sail

Lat. by Obs. 42.43 S
Long. " Chron 167 " 46 E

Sunday Dec. 28th Begins with light winds from W. S. W. heading N. W. with rain and light thunder showers. middle part nearly calm at 5 A. M. made sail after part light winds from S. W. steering N. W by W.

Lat. by Obs 41 " 43 S
Long. " Chron 167 " 25 E

1851 Cruising off New Zealand

Monday Decr 29th Begins with fresh breezes from S. W. steering N. W. by W. the sky beginning to look rather hazy and threatening middle part steering S. S. W. wind to the Westward after part wind hauls to the Eastward heading S. E. by S

Lat. by Obs 41.50 S
Long. " Chron 166.10 E

Tuesday Decr 30th Begins with cloudy weather and moderate breezes from the Eastward heading S. E. by S at 2 P. M. raised blackfish, lowered 4 boats, the mate and 2nd mate took one each, the 3rd and 4th mate two each making 6 in all, middle part fresh breezes from N. E. steering S. S. E. after part wind the same steering S. E

Lat. by Obs. 43.41 S.
Long. " Chron 166.11 E.

1851 Cruising off New Zealand

Wednesday Decr 31st Begins with fresh breezes from N. E. steering by the wind heading N. W. b W. to day tried out our blackfish making 7 barrels of oil. at 7 P. M. double reefed the topsails and kept her N. middle part raining in torrents and wind shifts suddenly to the Westward. taking the ship aback. splitting the jib after part good weather steering N.

Lat. by Obs 42"19 S
Long. " Chron 165"27 E

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Thursday. Jany 1st Begins with fine weather and moderate breezes from the Westward steering N. b E. edging off forward part to recruit ship preparatory to starting for the Arctic Ocean when we trust we shall be enabled to give a better account of ourselves than we can this season for we are literally skunked to all intents and purposes, scarcely having a peg left. to hang a solitary hope upon. middle part light airs from the westward, after part nearly calm sent down the main topsail to repair

Lat. by Obs. 41 " 17 S
Long " Chron 167 " 12 E

Friday Jany. 2nd. Begins with light airs from the Westward steering N. N. E. a heavy swell heaving in from the S. W. to day finished mending the main topsail and sent it up again at 7 P. M. ship heading S. W almost a dead calm, the sea increasing without any visible cause middle part calm. after part - light airs from S.S.E. sent out fore topmast studding sail

Lat by Obs 40.57 S
Long " Chron 167.40 E

Saturday - Jany 3rd Begins with light baffling airs from S.E and finally hauls to E.N.E took in the studding sail heading N. by W. middle and after parts heading from N. by W to E.

Lat by Obs 39.43 S
Long. Chron 168.14 E

Sunday Jany 4th Begins with moderate breezes from N.N.E. heading E. at 2 P.M raised blackfish directly ahead lowered four boats. two only fastened the 1st and 2nd

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mates. who each brought a black fish to the ship, at 5 P.M. breeze up quite fresh from the Northward took in topgallant sails. and flying jib. also furled the mainsail middle part wore ship heading N.W. at 6 double reefed mizen top sail wore ship heading E. very heavy squally with rain at 8 P.M. wind shifts suddenly to W. tore the mizen topsails to pieces. after part very squally

Lat. by Obs 39.21 S
Long " Chro 168.44 E.

Monday Jany 5th Begins with strong winds from N.W. to N. heading E until 3 P.M. when she came up to her course N.N.E. middle part strong breeze from the Northward heading E.N.E. after the crew employed in mending the mizen topsail wind the same

Lat. by Obs 38..05 S
Long. " Chron 171..23 E

Tuesday Jany 6th Begins with strong breezes from the Northward heading N.E. by E. this afternoon sent up the mizen topsail and set it at 7 P.M. the ship coming up to N.E. middle part strong breezes from N.N.W ship heading N.E. by E. at 5.30 A.M raised sperm whales a mile and an half off on the lee beam, lowered all four boats and after a long pull gave it up, remainder of the day strong breezes from N.N.W. wore ship heading W.S.W.

Lat. by Obs 37..22
Long. " Chron 173..23

1852 Bound to the Bay of Islands

Wednesday Jany 7th Begins with strong breeze from N. W. heading S. W. middle part wind moderating at 8 P. M furled mainsail and main topgallant sail then furled ship heading N. N. E. standing leisurely in toward the land after part of the day nearly calm light baffling winds from W. to N. W. to day started the works and tried out our two black fish

Lat. by Obs 37 " 0 S
Long. " Chro 173 " 26 E

Thursday Jany 8th Begins with light airs from N. W. heading N. N. E no land in sight yet, altho the loom of it is distinctly visible ahead of us at 7 P. M. wore ship heading to the Westward, during the evening had quite a fandango on deck in which the boy Isaac performed quite a prominent part, middle part moderate breezes from the Northward after part strong breezes from N.N.W heading W. with fog and rain

Lat by Obs 36.36 S
Long. " Chron 172.16 E

Friday Jany 9th. Begins with thick foggy weather and strong breezes from N.N.W. heading W. by S. wore ship heading E.N.E. at 7 P.M ship heads up N.N.E. the wind having hauled to N.W. middle part moderate breezes from the Westward ship heading N.N.W. after part wind the same, made the land running along by it

Lat by Obs 35.12 S
Long. " Chron 172.55 E

1852 Bound to the Bay of Islands

Saturday Jany 10th Begins with fine weather and moderate breezes from the Westward heading N.N.W running along the land now plain in sight endeavoring to weather the North Cape that we may be enabled to square away for port about 100 miles distant from the cape, at 7 P.M suddenly found ourselves in close proximity to breakers, it being a dangerous reef extending three miles out from North Cape and not laid down on the chart all hands being on deck at the time wore ship on the instant heading off shore heading S.S.W. middle part wind the same at 11 P.M passed a ship standing in toward the land at 2 A.M. wore ship heading in toward the land 2 sail in sight

Lat. by Obs 34.23 S
Long. Chron. 173.3 E

1852 Bound into Port.

Sunday Jany 11th Begins with moderate breeze from S. W. steering N. E. running along the land toward North Cape, at 1 P. M. spoke the ship Vesper of New London 7 months out. 40 bbl sperm, 60 of Whale bound into Mongonui middle part fresh breeze from S. W. at 11 P. M. hauled aback the mainyard and lay to off the headlands of the harbor until day light. when we braced forward and stood in, at 8 A. M. came to anchor and found 9 ships there already there the most dismal, gloomy, desolate looking hole we have ever yet seen, a few huts an old guard house, and the gable end of something with a window in it peeping through the forest. which looked as tho it might have been intended to form a portion of what they would dignify with the appellation of dwelling house but as we are not positive of any thing below the aforesaid window. we shall reserve our opinion until we go on shore, when we shall take a thorough examination of famous Monganui and report accordingly

Monday Jany 12th Begins with strong woollies from off the land 5 more of sail came in and anchored to day also found as the tide receded that the ship grounded

Tuesday Jany 13th Begins with a calm at 8 A.M the sea breeze sets in. after breakfast commenced moving ship she being afloat, during the day three or four arrivals and as many departures. there are now

1852 Laying at Anchor at Monganui

17 American whale ships laying here at anchor the English sloop of war Cliva with a brig as tender have come to anchor in the outer harbor she has on board the Governor of New Zealand remainder of the day light winds from off the land

Wednesday Jany 14th Begins with light breezes from off the land this morning his excellency the Gov (Grey) together with all the officers of the English men of war visited our ship for the purpose of seeing and inspecting an American whaleship Our accommodations being on a larger and more splendid scale than any ship in the harbor, the selection was a very fortunate one, and our visitors left us highly delighted with their visit, having no doubt formed the most exalted opinion of the style, comfort and convenience with which the American whalemen are fitted out, we having represented the fleet. Captains Devol of the Braganza and Sherman of the Coral assisted the Captain in escorting our visitors thro the ship and explaining the various uses of the whaling fixtures on board and as the company was a large one very materially assisted him in what would otherwise have been an arduous duty. The Governor as well as the English officers were thunderstruck at the sight of so large a fleet of American shipping lying so snug and quiet at their anchors in her majesty's dominions and the former gentleman expressed his determination to commence a settlement here forthwith, and so it is a few whaleships penetrate into some remote secluded bay, and commence traffic with the natives for vegetables, when lo, in a twinkling a settlement springs up as if by magic, the wilderness gives way, and the busy hum of a thriving little commercial mart usurps its place, and all owing to the energy and perseverance of the American whaling fleet, In the afternoon 5 more American ships came to anchor in the outer bay.

Thursday Jany 15th Begins with a calm, at an early hour several ships those which were outside, were towed in making now 22 the English man of war sailed ~~her~~ with her tender this afternoon, no doubt deeply impressed with the necessity of an immediate settlement here particularly the Governor

1852 Laying at Anchor in Monganui

To day commenced breaking out our oil and coopering. finding it in first rate condition, one cask only having leaked. We intended to have commenced yesterday. but owing to our visitors no work was done

Friday Jany 16th Finds us at our anchorage coopering oil, a small Government schooner arrived to day. no arrivals or departures of whalemen this day 24 Americans laying here in fact there is not a ship here of any other nation

Saturday Jany 17th. The crew still employed in coopering oil. which comes out in first rate condition, the Govt schooner sailed to day destination unknown no arrivals or departures this day weather quite warm

1852 Laying at Anchor at Monganui

Sunday Jany 18th Begins with pleasant weather, after sunrise breezes up quite fresh, during the day the Henry Kneeland came into us several times, slightly damaging the rail on the house, had to unslip the spanker boom and take it in

Monday Jany 19th Begins with moderate breezes from the Eastward with rain, in the morning good weather again went to coopering, no arrivals or departures this day

Tuesday Jany 20th Begins with cloudy overcast, weather the Huntress came in at an early hour during the day the rain pours down in torrents finished coopering our oil this forenoon the natives also begin to settle along the beach, no less than three huts having been erected to day, remainder of the day a settled rain, also hoisted in a raft of water

Wednesday Jany 21st Begins with a heavy rain storm about 10 A. M the weather clears up, brought another raft of water on board and stowed it down. This afternoon a large canoe with about 40 natives including a chief paddled across the harbor and landed near the settlement of natives. After landing they marshalled their forces and all armed with spears and tomahawks advanced stealthily along as if to attack the other party were also in readiness on bended knee, with their spears couched, when suddenly the advancing party, sprang up and commenced the war dance, then retreating a short distance, the other party who had been silently awaiting their approach now rushed forward in their turn and danced the war dance, in a short time they all mingled together remaining the guests of the settlers until sundown when they all reembarked in their canoe and recrossed the bay, where they encamped intending to stay as long as the shipping remained, principally to obtain tobacco from the seamen, during the evening the Chandler Price was towed down to the outer harbour, in readiness for sea, the crew employed in scrubbing ship preparatory to painting

1852 Laying at Anchor at Mongamii

Thursday Jany 22nd Begins with cloudy, overcast weather, too threatening to commence painting ship, consequently went to setting up casks, and the starboard watch went ashore on liberty, the Braganza and Montezuma were towed out to the outer harbor

Friday Jany 23rd Begins with fresh breezes from the Westward before breakfast brought off three boat loads of wood during the day took off two more loads, also one raft of water and stowed it down. the cooper engaged in setting up casks, the larboa watch on shore on liberty, During the day a fracas took place on shore between the Americans the ~~sailors~~ and some of the Portugue and an American was stabbed by a Portuguese a colored man from t the Cape De Verd islands the 4th mate of the Orizimbo. the man stabbed belonged to the Henry Kneeland and was not fighting with the man who stabbed him, a general fight ensued and the Portuguese were driven from the beach, the 4th mate was much bruised and barely escaped with his life, we saw him swimming amid a shower of stones, to his boat, and it is almost a miracle that he was saved

Saturday Jany 24th.

Begins with pleasant weather at an early hour two boats were dispatched for wood, at 7 A.M. they arrived, also commenced painting ship on the larboard side, the starboard watch went on shore on liberty and were landed on the beach penniless, the second day of liberty in this port, for that watch. 19 months out 3200 barrels, remainder of the day squally weather with heavy rain showers, was compelled to abandon painting ship. the cooper being employed in setting up casks.

Sunday Jany 25th Begins with heavy squalls of wind and rain from the Southward this morning the ~~st~~ Larboard watch went on shore, the same way as the other watch yesterday, during the day blows very heavy. 6 ships outside endeavouring to beat in, remainder of the day strong breezes.

Monday. Jany. 26th Begins with fresh breezes from the Southward

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at an early hour two boats were dispatched for wood. and another for a raft of water at 9 A M all were alongside and taken care of, the starboard watch also went on shore on liberty. the ship outside. mentioned in yesterdays work proved to be the flat from Wangaroa bay. the weather proving good painted larboard side of ship remainder of the day calm. to day the cooper of the ~~Cora~~ Coral came on board and set up few casks ey our cooper being sick, in the evening the Coral sailed

Tuesday Jany 27th Blows very heavy all day, stowed down our water and wood, the larboard watch on shore on liberty

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Wednesday. Jany 28th Begins with strong winds and disagreeable weather at an early hour a raft was hoisted in and its contents, consisting of water stowed down, the starboard watch also went on shore on liberty, also painted the stern of the ship and starboard side, the Uncas also sailed to day without her recruits, being unable to obtain them here, owing to an extensive monopoly now existing here of which the Nucleus is centered with Capt Butler, its ramifications extending to government officers, to the detriment not only of ~~the~~ this portion of the colony, but to the serious injury of the industrious ~~portion~~ of it, a full and complete detail of which, with particulars we shall give, bearing as it does with a heavy hand not only on the natives, and the settlers but especially every individual, in the large

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fleet of American whalemen aſsembled here this seaſon. it is a syſtem of organized extortion, which would tinge the ~~black of a~~ face of a Hottentot, a darker hue, were he detected, details we reſerve for a more fitting occaſion.

Thursday Jany 29th Begins with beautiful weather at an early hour two boats were deſpatched for wood and the larboard watch went on shore on liberty our potatoes have not come yet, the natives will not bring them in being determined not to submit any longer to this paltry knot of extortioners, as they are deſirous of trafficking with the shipping themſelves, a portion of one tribe have camped near the watering place, having travelled a diſtance of 30 miles, to barter honey and fruit for tobacco, and drive quite

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a thriving trade, the Francis Henrietta was towed to sea this morning, remainder of the day calm and clear

Friday Jany 30th Begins with pleasant weather, finished painting the ship, the starboard watch on shore on liberty during the day recd 1½ tons potatoes remainder of the day calm and pleasant.

Saturday Jany 31st Begins with thick foggy weather and a drizzling rain, during the forenoon received the balance of our potatoes 6 tons 11 cwt. 66 pounds, being 8 tons in all, the ship was also put in readiness for sea

Sunday Feby 1st Begins with good weather, the larboard watch went

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on shore on liberty. no arrivals or departures this day

Monday Feby 2nd Begins with a rain storm, at daylight commenced heaving up our anchors hove up the larboard one and was compelled to abandon all hopes of getting to sea to day, one ship was towed out and got under way but was compelled to anchor again, in the afternoon heavy squalls

Tuesday. Feby 3rd. Begins with calm weather at an early hour began to heave up our anchor, the boats from the shipping, came to our aid and soon towed us to the outer harbor when we came to anchor again but a breeze springing up, in an hours time we

had all three topgallant sails on
her with a good breeze from W.N.W
steering N. by E, 4 sail Ely + to day—

Lat by Obs 34"42 S
Long. " Chron 174.23 E

Wednesday Feby 4th Begins with
fine weather and a good breeze from
W.N.W heading N. by E. took in fore
and mizen topgallant sails, at 7 P.M
furled mainsail and maintopgallant
sail middle and after parts wind
light

Lat by Obs 32.52 S
Long " Chron 174.19 E

Thursday Feby. 5th Begins with
light airs from W.S.W ship heading
N.W. middle part fresh breeze
after part heavy squalls from S.W.
steering E. double reefed the topsails

Lat. by Acct 31.40 S
Long " D° 177.— E

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Friday Feby 6th Begins with moderate weather from S.W. shook the reefs out of the topsails and set top gallant sails steering E. by S. at sunset took in sail heading up S. after part fresh breeze steering E. by S

Lat. by Obs 32.53 S
Long. " Chron 176.36 E

Saturday Feby 7th Begins with squally weather from the Southward steering E. by S. at sunset took in sail in an hour afterwards had a heavy squall with shift of wind to N.N.W heading N.E. middle part squally and variable winds after part wind wind to the South West heading E

Lat. by Obs 32.43 S
Long " Chron. 177.56 E

Sunday Feby 8th Begins with fine weather wind from the Westward steering E.

at sunset shortened sail middle part light winds from the Westward steering N. E. by E. after part wind and course the same

Lat. by Obs 32.14 S
Long " Chron 179.10 3/4 E

Monday Feby 9th Begins with beautiful weather and light winds from the Southward steering N. E. by E. at 5 P.M saw a large white water from mast head on the lee beam ran for it about an hour without seeing any thing middle and after parts good breeze from the Southward steering E. N. E

Lat. by Obs 32.06 S
Long " Chron 179.46 W

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Tuesday Feby 10th Begins with fine weather and a good breeze from the Southward steering N.N.E. during the afternoon saw a number of jumpers at sunset double reefed the topsails and luffed to the wind starboard tacks on board heading S.W. wind S.S.E. middle part wind hauls to E. at day light made sail steering N.N.E after part good breeze from E. course the same

Lat. by Obs 31.14 S
Long. " Chro 179.47 W

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1852 Feby 10th 4 bbls Slush

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